Lieutenant William Rhodes Infantry

326. Upon the Arrival of Major Mc. Innes at this place, who had been captured in the Woodcot Indiaman, he represented that himself and the Officers of His Majesty's 72d. Regiment, who had embarked on that Ship, had sustained a considerable loss of baggage and had experienced much personal inconvenience; he therefore requested such a compensation as might be deemed adequate. —

Cons 25th May

327. We had previously issued orders for continuing the pay and Allowances of the Officers in question; but with regard to any compensation for the loss of baggage we are under the necessity of referring them to the consideration of your Honorable Court. —

328. Lieutenant Jenkins of the 7th or recruiting troop of His Majesty's 25th Regiment Dragoons having been ordered home applied to us for payment of his passage: for the reasons by which we have been guided

in

on similar cases we granted this Officer the usual Allowance of passage Money, and have the honor to inclose his Security for repaying the Amount in the event of your disapproving this indulgence.

329. In our letter by the Lord Macartney we informed your Honorable Court that the destination of His Majesty's 36th Regiment had not been finally determined. We since Cons 7th August received the orders of the Supreme Government for sending round the drafted Men to Bengal to be incorporated into the 76th Regiment upon the arrival of the 33d at this Presidency.

330. Having however previously urged the detention of that invaluable Corps under the circumstances, which we have explained in our Secret dispatches, we resolved to wait the farther orders of the Supreme Government upon this subject: Having accordingly received a repetition of the former instructions for sending round the drafted Men, we have embarked a considerable proportion on your Ship Fitz William, and the

remainder

remainder, who have received their bounty Money here, have been provided with a passage on the Berrington, Walpole, and Thetis.—

331. The non Commissioned Officers, Drummers, fifers and privates of this regiment have been embarked on your Ship Busbridge they have received Company's pay and allowances up to the day of their embarkation, with four Months subsistence in Advance; The Captains commanding Companies have received their contingent Money up to 24th. December 1798 and the allowance of passage Money established by your Honorable Court has been paid for the accomodation of the Officers.—

332. We inclose for the information of your Honorable Court returns of the Officers and Men of the 36th. Regiment, and of the invalid Seamen and Soldiers who have been embarked on the Ships now dispatched to you.—

333. The Governor General in Council, having determined to send a Company of

of European Artillery to Masulipatam, sent ord
18th Sept. to that place for enabling it to join the Hydra
detachment, but, as we presumed that the Supr
Government were not apprized of a complete
Company of Artillery having joined the detach
-ment from Masulipatam, We ordered the Be
Artillery to be detained at that place, where
Services were much required.—

334. Concluding, from the Advices
received upon this subject, that the Reinforcemen
of Artillery and the Marine battalion had arri
at Masulipatam, and feeling the want of Nati
Cons 25th Sept. troops in the center division the Commander in
Chief recommended that the 1st Battalion 8th
Regiment Native Infantry at present distri
-buted in the districts of Ganjam, Virazapatam,
and Masulipatam should be drawn together and
ordered to Vellour.—

335. The troops, which will remain
in the Circars after the March of this battalion,
will, the Commander in Chief cannot doubt, be
found

found adequate to the protection of those valuable provinces; We have therefore in compliance with the suggestion ordered the battalion in question to be assembled at Masulipatam with the ultimate view of its marching into the Center division. —

336. At a late Meeting the Commander in Chief apprized us that the employment of the pioneers in repairing the roads between the Stations in the Center division where the troops are now cantoned, and the construction of proper boats across the Pallar at Sadras Shevalamoodoo, and Arcot formed a part of certain measures, which he should hereafter submit to our consideration, and in the meanwhile recommended that the pioneers should be employed in the manner above mentioned. — Orders have in consequence been issued for this purpose under the superintending directions of the Military Board. —

Cons. 28th Sept.

337. We have the honor to inclose

accordingly

according to your Orders Certificates of Military Stores landed from your Ships Henry Dundas, Earl Wycombe, Earl Howe, Good Hope, Prince Charlotte and Dover Castle.—

338. The Military Auditor General laid before Us a case of passage Money, by which it appears that the Sum of 2000 Arcot Rupees had been paid by the Pay-master at Columbo for the passage of Captain Howard of His Majestys 72d Regiment upon the strength of your printed Orders of 1796, which specify that the Commander of your Ships shall not demand more than that Sum for the passage of Captains and Factors; but as there was a considerable difference between that Sum and the passage Money to be allowed for a Captain according to your Orders, the difference was retrenched.—

339 As your Orders in question were not known to Brigadier General De Meuron, under whose authority the paymaster had made the

the disbursement we authorized the Amount to be
passed; and have explained the circumstances
in order that your Honorable Court may take
such measures as you may judge necessary fo
recovering the difference, being Pagodas 250. 3
either from Captain Howard or from the Comma
der of the Minerva, on which Ship he em-
barked. —

340. Upon this subject of passa
Money, we received a letter from Lieutenant —
Moyna of His Majesty's 12th Regiment in for-
ming us that Captain Hilton of your Ship
Good Hope had refused to receive him on board
at the rate of passage Money allowed by your
Honorable Court for officers of his rank; and
soon after we received a joint representation
from the Commanders of all your Ships now
under dispatch. —

341. This representation is founde
upon your printed orders of 1796 by which
they are restrained from asking more than —

2000. Arcot Rupees for Gentlemen of the rank of Captain or Factor, and 1,500. Arcot Rupees for Writers, Subalterns &c.ª, but by the interpretation put upon it by the Captains they think themselves entitled, under your Sanction, to demand the full Amount of those Sums for the passage of Gentlemen returning to England, and they stated that they had been permitted to draw that Amount from the government of Bombay. —

342. As your Honorable Court have limited Us to Sums much smaller for the passage Money of Officers, We concluded that you could not have intended to permit the Commanders of your Ships to demand more than the Sum, which you have allowed for the passage of returning Officers; because under those circumstances many Officers must remain in India at the risk of their lives. We therefore furnished the Commanders with the rates of passage Money established by your directions; and

have

have ordered them to receive on board and Accomodate the several Officers now returning to Europe upon Sums conformable to those rates. —

343. Having made this a positive order we feel it a justice towards the several Commanders to request that, if we should have put a construction upon your regulations of 1796 not intended by your Honorable Court the difference may be made good, and that we may in future be authorized to grant corresponding rates of passage Money. —

344. We have permitted Lieutenant Courson a french Officer of the Regiment Serving in India, a prisoner of War to return to Europe on his parole. —

345. In a former part of this letter we have informed your Honorable Court of the directions, which we had issued to the Military Board upon the subject of ascertaining the best means of preserving Salt provisions in Store

346. We have within these few days

received

received the report of a Committee of that Board appointed for the purpose, a Copy of which we send a Number in the packet. By this report, your Honorable Court, will observe that we may expect to derive supplies of these Articles from the Contractor for victualling His Majesty's Navy in such quantities as may be occasionally required for the Service; but, as we concur in the opinion of the Military Board that the Company should always have a certain quantity of Salt Provisions in the general Stores of this Presidency in cases of particular emergency, we beg leave to recommend that three hundred hogsheads of beef and one hundred and fifty hogsheads of porke containing 13,200 lbs of the former and 6,8000 lbs of the latter, may be annually consigned to us upon your outward bound Ships.—

3417. We have the honor to inclose a general return for the Year 1797 of fire Arms and Swords in the Arsenal of Fort St. George, at all the Subordinate Stations, and in use with the

different Corps of the Army under this Presidency together with a general Annual return, of ordnance and Military Stores, shewing the Stated proportion, the remaining, and quantity, wanting to complete.—

348. We also forward a duplicate Copy of the indent of Medicines and Stores required for the Year 1799 together with a List of useless surgical instruments which have been put on board your Ship Busbridge.—

349. We inclose Statements of advances which have been made on account of passage Money to the Officers of His Majesty's and the Company's Service as well as to the dutch Officers prisoners of War proceeding to England on the Ships now under dispatch.—

350. Upon the Arrival of His Majesty's 29.th Regiment of Dragoons, we received a representation from the Commanding Officer Stating that previous to their embarkation the paymaster had abruptly resigned his situation,

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and had lodged a considerable Sum of Money the
due to the Officers and Men in the hands of t
Agents. —

351. To remove the immediate in
-veniences which the Regiments in consequence
suffers, We have Authorised a Sum of Mone
to be Advanced on Account sufficient to sett
the Accounts from the period to which they ha
been paid and subsisted in England. For this Am
we shall hereafter transmit to your Honorab
Court bills of the Commanding Officer upon
Agent of the Regiment, and have in the mean
while taken an indemnification in case the b
should not be paid. —

352. In our letter of 20th January
1797 we attracted the Notice of your Honorable
Court to a claim preferred by the Cadets of the
year 1782 to brevet promotion; but informed yo
that the Claim had been rejected as not coming
within the provisions of the late Military-
Arrangements. —

We

353. We have since received another application from the same description of Officers, — Copy of which we enclose a Number in the pack soliciting that they may be promoted to the rank of Captain: this claim is founded upon the princi=ple, which was observed at the introduction of the new regulations: by this principle Subaltern of fifteen years standing were promoted to the rank of Brevet Captain; and as the Officers, who signed this address, had served the Company — full Sixteen Years, they claimed this indulgence the more particularly at a time when there was an apparent probability of their being engaged upon field Service with His Majesty's Regi=ments. —

354. As we have no latitude — however from the regulations nor from your orders for complying with this request we beg leave to submit the case to the favorable consideration of your Honorable Court. —

355. In our secret dispatches

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of this date We have informed your Honorable Court that the Governor General in Council granted Us a latitude to raise two Regiments Native Infantry. —

356. Having received advices the arrival of Lieutenant Colonel Roberts Detachment in the territories of His Highness the Nizam, We have judged it adviseable to avail ourselves of this latitude — We have in consequence formed the 35th and 36th Extra Battalions into a Regiment to be denominated the 13th Regiment of Native Infantry and have issued orders for raising two additional extra battalions. —

357. We have appointed Colonel George Roberts to command the 13th Regiment of Native Infantry. —

358. Agreeably to the direction contained in the 4th paragraph of your letter dated 20th January 1797 We have the honor to inclose sundry vouchers (as per List) of

of Military Stores supplied by us for the use of His Majesty's Ships on this Station together with an account of them in duplicate prepared by our Accountant General according to the Notification given to you in the 4th paragraph of our letter by the King George.—

359. We have great satisfaction in laying before your Honorable Court Copy of a Minute delivered in by the Commander in Chief at our last Meeting together with an Abstract report of the reviewing Generals in the several divisions under this Presidency from which your Honorable Court will observe the high State of discipline in which the several Corps of Infantry have been found, and which has merited the extreme satisfaction of Lieutenant General Harris.— 12th Oct.

360. As it is the intention of the Commander in Chief to continue these annual reviews, which do not only promote

promote and ascertain the discipline o
the Troops, but provide for regular
in the clothing and payment of the
Men, we are sanguine that your
Army on this Coast will be kept
up to the high State of discipline
and Order for which it has been justly
distinguished. —

361. Upon this occasion of
sending home a part of the Dutch
Officers prisoners of War, we think
it a justice towards them to observe
that the Conduct of the Officers
and Men has been orderly and per-
fectly correct; and we have great
satisfaction in pointing out to
your particular Notice Captain
Hoffman, who Commanded at Fort
Ansburgh. —

362. The Certificates of

Pay

Pay and Furlough of Officers proceeding to England agreeably to the orders contained in your Letter of the 22d. April 1796, are sent in the packet.—

363. We send in the packet a List of your Officers on this establishment with the promotions and appointments brought up to the 11th. Instant and a general Monthly return of His Majesty's and the Honorable Company Troops on the Coast.—

364. By this conveyance We forward a Complete set of our Proceedings in the Military and Political Department for the year 1797, with the Broken set from the 6th. February to the 2nd. Instant— and the whole set of the Proceedings of the Military—

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Board for the 11 year 1796 and 1797.—

We have the honor to be
with the greatest respect
Honorable Sirs
Your Faithful
humble Servants
(Signed) Clive
Geo: Harris
Edwd Saunders

Fort St. George
15th October 1798.—

Military Department

To the Honorable the Court of directors for affairs of the Honble the united company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies.

Honorable Sirs,

Para 1st. Since our address to your Honorable Court from this Department dated 15th October 1798, we have had the honor to receive your despatch of 23. May 1798 to which we shall now reply in the usual manner.

Answer to letter 23d May 1798

Para 1st Date of above
2 and 3 Contain no remark.
4. approve the grant of full batta to Col Smith.
5. Contains no remark } 2nd } These Paragraphs need no particular reply.

6. The salary of the Persian Interpreter to the Commander in Chief reduced to 100 Pagodas pr Month. } 3rd } This resolution has been communicated to the Military Auditor General for his guidance, and ~~carried into~~ effect from

from the receipt of your orders

Contains no remark
8. Decision against a seat of the senior Cavalry officer at the Military Board.
9. Contains no remark
10. Approves the allowance granted to the senior Engineer on the spot.
11. Contains no remark
} 4th

These paragraphs require no particular observation.

12. Communication of the Department of Military Auditor General. } 5th

The Military Auditor General has been furnished with a Copy of this paragraph for the information of his Deputy, and Assistant.

14. Disapproves the grant of regimental batta to the general Staff in addition to their staff allowances } 6th

We furnished the Military Auditor General with Copy of these Paragraphs with instructions to carry the resolution of your Honorable Court into execution.

15. Disapproves the rate of horse allowance granted to officers of Cavalry. } 7th

This resolution has been published in General orders.

16. approve the recovery of balances from the Clothing Contractor -

8th We are happy that our proceedings on this subject have met the approbation of your Honorable Court, and you will have observed by the Despatches from Sunce a continuation of similar attention to the balances of the clothing contractor. -

17. Approve the recovery of a balance from the Executors of the Paymaster at Angola -

9th We are happy to observe this farther mark of your Honorable Courts approbation, and we have already had the satisfaction of reporting the recovery of the whole of this balance -

18. Contains no remark

10th Needs no reply

19 The recommendation of Captain Mackenzie will be attended to when the expediency of appointing a surveyor General comes under consideration above. -

11th We have furnished Captain Mackenzie with a Copy of this paragraph. -

12th Since your Honorable Court have

not

not yet been pleased to consider the
expediency of appointing a surveyor
General, the expectation of which has
alone deterred us from granting Captain
Mackenzie a compensation adequate
to his geographical labours in the
Deccan Dominions, we have resolved
to allow him a salary of two hundred
and Pagodas per Month in addition
to his pay and allowances as Engineer
with the Hydrabad Detachment. -

13. When a consideration of Captain
Mackenzie's merits and labor, we should
feel a strong disposition to grant
a proportion of arrears for the time
he has been employed in these use
full surveys, but we are debarred -
from doing so by the present orders of
your Honorable Court - In reporting
however this resolution, we strongly

recommend

recommend to your Honorable Court to grant a proportion of arrears to Captain Mackenzie.

20 and 21. Contain no remark.—

22 Thulam of Lieut. Butler to the rank of Brevet Captain not allowed—

14. These Paragraphs require no remark.—

23. Deputy Commissary Franks to be appointed a Lieutenant in order.—

15. Ordered accordingly.—

and 25. Adjustment of the claims of Captain Symes

16. We have ordered that the sum of seven hundred and sixty Pagodas be paid to Captain Symes upon his application.—

approve the appointment of Captain Reece to be Secretary to the Military Board—Contains no remark.—

17. Needs no Reply.—

Satisfied with explanations of Lieutenant Colonel Hall on the subject of an irregularity imputed to the Story Department by the

18. Your Honorable Court will have already observed in the dispatches from

Reece

hence dated 17th October 1797 the advan
tages which the Military Board have
derived from the information of Lieu
tenant Colonel Hall in the regulat-
ions which have been established for
the Department of Military stores -

29. Publication of
warrants officers to
rank from the time
of their service, re
fers to -
30. contains no remark

19. We need no reply

31st. Observations on
regulations for Mili
tary Buildings

20. We have the honor to inform you th
we have already made every full rep
in our despatch of the 20th January 17
upon the regulations which have been
established for the Department of Milita
Buildings and repairs to which we resp
your Honble Court. -

32. Claim of General Boyle
refused
33. Temporary corps of
Cavalry broken up
34 and 35. Contain no re
mark. 36 approves the
union of Lyncollan
37. contains no remark

21. These Paragraphs require no par
ticular observations -

Lieutenant

38. approve the conduct of Lieutenant Montgomery in procuring horses from the Kabul Country, but direct that the encouragement of breeding horses may be continued.

22. Lieutenant Montgomery and the Military Board have been furnished with copies of this Paragraph.—

39. A Copy of Lieutenant Montgomery's Route to be sent home.—

23 We have ordered that a Copy of Lieutenant Montgomery's route be prepared for transmission to your Honorable Court.—

40 at 42. Contain no remark.—
43. Officers permitted to return.—
44 and 45. Captains Cunningham and Lieutenant Wilks permitted to remain at home.—
46. Officers retired.—
47 Assistant surgeons appointed

24 These Paragraphs require no particular observation.—

48. Mr. Briggs to be appointed an assistant surgeon after examination by the Medical Board.—

25. We have ordered the Medical Board to examine and report their opinion of the qualifications of Mr. Gilbert

Gilbert Briggs to be an Assistant surgeon on this establishment.—

49. Limitations of passage money to be taken by the Commanders of Ships.
50. Terms on which passage Money is to be allowed to officers returning on the recruiting service.

26. We have published these paragraphs in General Orders.—

51. Recruits

27th Needs no observation—

28. We have noticed in our secret despatch of this date the complete success which had attended Lieutenant Colonel Roberts's Detachment and the entire suppression of the french party at Hydrabad.—

29. According to instructions received from the supreme Government, the french Prisoners were sent to Cossiga, at which place, they were embarked

embarked on the Bombay Frigate for Bengal - For
from 20th Novr to 6 Cons 21st Dec. the particulars of their march from Hydrabad, we beg leave to refer you to the Consultations noted in the Margen -

30 We have granted to such of the families as were unable to embark on the Bombay Frigate allowances proportioned to the salaries which they had received while in the service of his Highness the Nizam; and we have directed the sums paid to them to be debited to "Bengal Residency"

31. The Resident at Hydrabad having
13th Novr 6 Cons 23d Dec. suggested to us that a favorable opportunity presented itself of raising a considerable number of recruits from the disbanded sepoys of the french party, and having enclosed to us a letter from Lieutenant Colonel Roberts, giving it as his opinion that he would without difficulty be enabled to raise two battalions, provided a certain proportion of commissioned and non commissioned

native officers should be also admitted into our service, we took the subject into our serious consideration; and in Consequence informed Captain Kirkpatrick that we were so much impressed with the inexpediency of receiving any Native commissioned officers with their rank into our service that we were determined to forego the advantages of recruiting if it depended on that condition

32. At the same time, we informed the Resident that if any considerable numbers of recruits could be obtained by admitting a moderate number of non commissioned officers into the service, our objections were not so forcible as to deter us from raising recruits on these terms and we therefore requested that if this measure should be practicable he would endeavour to concert with Lieutenant Colonel Roberts the means of raising any number short of three thousand

Dia. to Colo. Wellesley 33. We had much satisfaction in learning

learning by a subsequent letter from the Resi-
-dent that altho' this service would have been great-
-ly facilitated by the admission of a small num-
-ber of commissioned officers, he did not despair of
obtaining a considerable number of recruits by
means of the latitude which we had allowed him.

Cons: 30th Oct. 34. In our secret Dispatch of the
15th October 1798, we mentioned that we had re-
-quested the commander in Chief to lay before us
such a general plan as appeared to him best a-
-dapted for the protection of your territories on
this coast; and Lieutenant General Harris accord-
-ingly, at our meeting of the 30th October, deli-
-vered in a minute on this important subject.

35. Having been prevented by va-
-rious circumstances from carrying into effect the
principal measures proposed by General Harris, we
deemed it unnecessary to enter this Minute in
our secret Proceedings; But we beg leave to point
it out to your particular notice as it takes an

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-able and comprehensive view of the state of your military force on this Coast

36. Under the circumstances of impending hostilities, our closest attention has been directed to storing our granaries on the different frontier garrisons with supplies of grain, and to various other branches of Military preparation, and we beg leave to refer you to our correspondence with the Military Board, noted in the Margin, for a full detail of the measures which we have taken for the accomplishment of these essential objects.—

To the Mil.y Bd. Dec.r 6th Nov.r
From Lt. Gen.l 20th Nov.r
To Lt. Gen.l 23rd Nov.r
From Lt. Gen.l Dec.r
From Gen.l 6th Nov.r
From Gen.l 20th Nov.r
To Lt. Gen.l 18th Dec.r
From Gen.l 21st Dec.r

Cons 6th Novem.r 37. At our meeting of the 6th Nov.r our President proposed that a third extra Battalion should be raised in the Northern Circars in order to supply the place of the troops we were under the necessity of withdrawing from thence to strengthen our army in the Carnatic Division, and the Commander in Chief was accordingly requested to give in a plan for this purpose —

38. At the recommendation of the Commander

commander in Chief, we resolved that the third ca
battalion should consist of ten Companies to be
ted from the different corps in the Northern D
=scon of the Army and with the Rajahs detac
=ment, agreeably to the proportions detailed in
General Order, and that Captain Alexander Macle
should be appointed to command it.—

39. The supreme Government hav
informed us that they had deemed it expedient to e
=body the Militia at Calcutta and recommended to
the adoption of a similar measure, we appoin
a Committee consisting of

Major General Sydenham
Lieutenant Colonel Close
Mr N. E. Henderley
Captain Alexander Grant

and

Mr George Tassell.

frame such regulations as appeared to them
st calculated for this institution.—

At

40. At our meeting of the 11th Decem-ber, we received the report of the Committee's also recommendation we resolved that your Civil Servan and the European gentlemen not in your service should compose two Companies; that the European inhabitants not comprized in the first classes, sh be formed into three companies; that the Armeni inhabitants of the Black Town should compos one Company; and that the Portuguese inhabi-tants of the Black Town should be formed into three companies. The whole to be denominate the Fort and Black Town Militia. —

41. We appointed Captain John Bro an officer well qualified for that situation, re-gulating Captain of the Militia, on the Monthly allowance of Pagodas 168–27, and we have direct that he shall clothe the Black Town Militia, fo which we have allowed him to draw half year

the Counsel a sum equal to the stoppages made for clothing and half mounting from the different ranks of

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the European Corps, & we have ordered that he shall be supplied with scarlet cloth from the stores at prime Cost

42. We appointed Lieutenant Robert Barclay Adjutant to the Black Town Militia with the allowance of Adjutant of Infantry and five Pagodas for a writer, and we accepted the services of Lieutenant Thomas Sydenham who offered to do the duties of Adjutant to the Fort Militia without pay

43 We have resolved that the Serjeant Major, Quarter Master Serjeant, Drill Serjeants, Drummers and Fifers of the Corps of Militia shall be permitted to draw the same pay and allowances as the corresponding ranks in the regular Infantry. —

4. We beg leave to refer you to our proceedings for a further detail of the resolutions which we passed for embodying the Militia.

5. We accepted an offer of Mr

No.

Richard Chase to raise and to maintain for the
public service, a company of native Infantry,
his own expense, and we have much satisfac
in pointing out the commendable zeal of tha
Gentleman to your notice.

46. We directed the regulating offic
of the Militia to provide clothing for Mr. Ch
corps on the same terms as the clothing of the
regular native Infantry is provided.

47 Adverting to the great assi
-stance which had been derived from the Beryan
in the course of last war, we directed Lieutenan
Colonel Read to take immediate measures for en
-tering into engagements with those useful subj

48. We received a very clear and s
-tisfactory report on this subject from Colonel
Read, who informed us that he hoped to collect
in about three months from the date of our en
-gagements, upwards of fifty six thousand Beryanes,
or dealers in grain on their own account, and

that

that the number of carriers of grain who might be collected in that time would be also very considerable

Sea. to Gen. 11th Nov. 49. We directed him to hold out every encouragement to the Peryanes, and in order to enable him to do this the more effectually, we transmitted to him the sum of fifty thousand rupees to be advanced to them in such proportions as he might judge necessary.

Cons. 20th Novem. 50. At our meeting of the 20th November, we took into consideration a letter from the Military Board stating that the Tent Contractor would have completed by the end of the year the number of tents he had engaged to provide, altho' the period of his contract would not expire until the end of July.

51. In reply we directed the Military Board in order to obviate delay in this important branch of Military equipment, to conclude immediate engagements with the present

contractor

contractor for supplying upon the terms of the exis-
-ting contract, tents to the amount of forty thou-
-sand pagodas in such proportions as the Milita
-ry Board might deem requesite for the public
service - at the same time, we desired that in
conformity with the instructions of your Honble
Court, advertisements should be published inviting
proposals of contract for furnishing such further
quantities of camp equipage as might be re-
-quired on the expiration of the present contract.

13th Decmr. 52. At a subsequent meeting
the Military Board transmitted to us a letter from
Mr. Bowie stating that he would engage to provide
tents to the amount of forty thousand pagodas with
-in six months from the receipt of the indent, at sta-
-ted periods, and requesting that, to enable him to
fulfil this agreement, he might be supplied
with not less than one hundred corges of tent cloth
monthly -

53. We directed the Military Board

to communicate to Mr Bourne the sense we entertained of his exertions, and we immediately issued orders to the Residents at Ingeram and Nyzagapatam to supply him with the quantity of tent cloth he required.

54. Having, in our letter to the Military Board of the 14th August, desired them to lay before us their sentiments whether any improvement could be made in the provision of camp equipage, and how far constant tent allowance to the officers would be of advantage to the movement of the Army, we received their report on this subject at our meeting of the 4 December.

55. The Military Board gave it as their opinion, in respect to the first question, that the mode of supply by contract was the most eligible that could be adopted. They observe that the present contract was entered into for a period of three years, and that it has been executed

executed in a manner to give general satisfac
They add that the tents under the existing contract
have been furnished at a rate ten per cent cheap
er than the former average prices charged for
the same article, and that they have been made of
the best materials

56. With respect to the second ques
tion, "how far tent allowances to all the officers, King
and Company's, serving under this Presidency would
of advantage to the movement of the Army," the M
litary Board give it as their opinion that this ob
ject would be promoted by giving constant tent a
lowance to the officers, because, on all occasions
preparation for field service, the Public would
have less to provide. But whether the granting co
tant tent allowance to the officers would tend to ren
der the troops more efficient under the general cir
cumstances of war, the Military Board are of opinio
is a question which admits of doubt.

57. The Military Board having
considered

considered the circumstances under which tent al=
=lowance had been granted by Marques Cornwallis
to the officers of the Army in 1791. and the advan=
=tages which its furmanent establishment might
be expected to produce, estimate the expense which
would attend the granting general tent allowance
at 2,27,184 pagodas per Annum

58. It is almost impracticable
to ascertain the sums which may be fairly set off
against this amount, from the difficulty of calcula=
=ting the annual expense of camp equipage, and
the proportion of it which may be applied to the
officers, owing to the impossibility of establishing
what portion of such period would be Peace, and
what portion War - But from a general com=
=putation, it appears that, after deducting the pro=
=bable annual expense of making up tents aver=
=ged on two years Peace and two years War, with
a proportion of carriage and Lascars, the annual
additional expense of granting tent allowance to

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the officers under this Presidency may be estimated at 159,324 pagodas. This great additional expense becomes a still more material object, when it is considered that it would not entirely preclude the expence of quarters, of which a certain establishment must necessarily be kept up in the different garisons.

59. Under the circumstances stated in their report, the Military Board did not conceive themselves warranted to recommend the establishment allowance. But as the propositions made to the officers by Marquess Cornwallis, for providing, carrying and pitching their tents and those of the respective Corps, had been attended with beneficial consequences to the public service, they submitted to us whether a similar plan might not be resorted to on all occasions when the Army should be ordered to take the field.

60. Having fully considered the report before us, we did not think it expedient to make any change in so important a branch

of

of our military equipment as the same equipage without the previous commencement of the supreme government, and we accordingly came to the resolution of previously submitting the whole of the report to the consideration of the Governor General in Council

Gov. 4th Decr. 61. The Military Board having made application for certain articles required in the manufacture of good powder, as stated in their letter referred to in the margen, we beg leave to point out the subject to your notice, and request that you will furnish us with the information required by the Military Board on that subject, as well as with the articles which they have specified

" 21st Decr. 62. The Military Board informed us that they had received from Mr. Benjamin Roebuck, a suggestion for facilitating by means of waggons the transportation of the battering train and they were induced, from the successful result of an experiment which had been made of Mr. Roebuck's plan, to recommend that they should be

authorized

authorized to prepare as many waggons as could be completed before it might become necessary for the Army to take the field, with which we accordingly complied

63. We appointed Lieutenant Colonel Charles Carlisle Commissary General of Ordnance to the Army on the field on a salary of 300 Pagodas per Month, and directed the Military Board to furnish him with such instructions as they judged necessary for the management of the extensive department entrusted to his charge.

64. We appointed Major Charles Cornu Commissary of Provisions to the Army, and Major Thomas Hart Commissary of Grain, on a monthly salary of 500 pagodas, each, with an additional allowance of Pagodas 1147. 24. 40 for servants to Major Cornu, and of Pagodas 434. 22. 40 to Major Hart.

65. We beg leave to refer your Honble Court to our proceedings for the regulations

complied

Our Instructions Letter in dia. to Cons 25th Decr and G. C of 26th Decr

compiled by the Military Auditor General for the
inspect of these Departments and shall only add,
the accuracy and despatch with which General
Denham has framed them, merit our entire ap
probation.

66. We have established it as a
fixed principle that, in consideration of the libe
ral salaries granted to the Commissaries of grain
and Provisions, they are to be called upon to de
clare upon honor to their actual disbursemen
either on account of their establishments of ser
vants or of any other charges that they may in
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Via Colombo 25th March.

67. We appointed Mr William
Hesse Gordon Paymaster to the Army, on a sala
ry of 600 pagodas per month, with an additiona
allowance of 440 Pagodas for Servants; and we have
directed that he shall be called upon in like
manner as the Commissaries of grain and pro
visions to declare on honor to his actual disburs
ments on account of servants or any other incidental

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68. We appointed Lieutenant Colonel Archibald Brown, whose long services and distinguished merit are sufficiently known to you, to command the southern Division when Major General Floyd was ordered to join the center Army; and we appointed Colonel Urban Negors, an officer of great merit to command the Northern Division in the room of General Bridges who was also ordered to join the center Army.

69. We have appointed Lieutenant Colonel Barry Close persian translator to the Commander in Chief on the recommendation of Lieutenant General Harris.

70 Our extensive military preparations having rendered it necessary to apply to his Excellency the Governor of Ceylon for three companies of the Coast Europeans and for one of the two companies of Pioneers, doing duty on that Island; Mr. North with the readiness which he has on all occasions shewn in cooperating with us

us, readily acquiesced in our request.—

4th Oct. 71. Mr. North informed us that Doctor Ewart, in virtue of his appointment of Physician General and Inspector of the Hospitals on the Island of Ceylon, had thought it necessary to call for reports from the surgeons of your Troops stationed on that Island, but that he apprehended that this requisition which Doctor Ewart had judged himself authorized to make was likely to be reluctantly complied with.—

Com 11th Oct. 72. We informed his Excellency that we should certainly feel much concern if any part of the officers of this establishment under him should discover a reluctance in obeying his orders; and we added that as we looked upon them as completely transferred to his authority during their service on the Island of Ceylon, we had, previous to the receipt of his Excellency's Letter,

20th Nov. furnished our medical Board with such remarks upon the subject as would we trusted

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leave no doubt of the necessity of implicit acquiesc-
ence in the arrangements which his Excellency might
judge it advisable to adopt

to 31st Decr 73. His Excellency having suggested
to our consideration how far the appointment of a
head surgeon to your troops serving on Ceylon might
be necessary, we informed him that the medical gentle-
men attached to Corps would of course conduct the re-
gimental detail through their immediate com-
manding Officers, and that as far as related to this
Establishment, we saw no necessity for burthening
his Government with a general staff in the Medi-
cal Department.

" 4th Decr 74. Having received from Mr North
an application for a supply of medicines for the establish-
ment of a general dispensary on Ceylon, we directed our
medical Board to transmit as large a supply as
could be spared from our public stores.

75. At the same time was suggested to
Mr North the expediency, with regard to future supp

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of medical stores, of transmitting official accounts to your Honble Court according to the practice observed at the three Presidencies

76. His Excellency having concurred in opinion with us as to the necessity of appointing a Major of Brigade on Ceylon, to be the channel of communicating to the troops belonging to this Presidency all orders and correspondence on subjects of detail, and for the transmission of returns &c to the Commander in Chief, we have appointed Captain Rodgers to that situation, and have requested that he may be permitted to draw an additional allowance of 25 Pagodas per month

77. In our letter to Mr North of 18th November, we pointed out to him the necessity of bringing to a close the accounts between this Presidency and the subordinate departments on Ceylon for the period previous to his arrival, in order that the expenditure of the public property might be brought under the established check and control of the office of

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audet. at the same time we assured his Excellen-
cy that this suggestion did not proceed from the small-
est wish to interfere with any arrangement he
might judge necessary, but merely from a view
to public convenience and economy.

Cons 6th Novr 78. At our meeting of the 6th Novr
our President stated his Lordships opinion of the advan-
-tage to be derived from the equipment of horse artill-
-ry, and proposed that the Military Board should be
called upon to submit a plan for that purpose.

Cons 2nd Janry 79. The Military Board report-
-ed that there was every reason to expect the succes
of such a plan, and informed us that they would short-
-ly submit to us a detailed arrangement for car-
rying it into effect.

Cons 25th Decr 80. The Commander in chief hav-
-ing delivered in a memorial, stating the peculiar hard-
-ships to which officers of this establishment were sub-
-jected from the raising extra battalions which were
usually subsisted with officers from the regular Regiment

instead of any promotions being allowed in consequence to take place. and recommending to us that in order to remedy this great inconvenience to a certain degree, the 1st and 2nd extra battalions under this Presidency should be formed into a Regiment, in the necessary promotions be made, We entirely concurred in opinion with Lieutenant General

26th Dec.r Harris, and issued orders for forming the two extra battalions into a Regiment to be denominated the 14th Regiment of Native Infantry

81. We have noticed in our secret despatch the appointment of Lieutenant General Harris to command the Army in the field. —

82. At our Consultation of 11th Dec.r

11th Dec.r cember, our President delivered in a minute stating that as Lieutenant General Harris must necessarily be, in consequence of that appointment, wholly occupied with the arrangement of the Army, he conceived that it would be of great advantage to the public interests that a person of Major Genera

Brathwaite's knowledge, experience and extensive acquaintance with every branch of the Services, should have a seat at the Military Board.

23. We entirely agree in opinion with our President, and we accordingly appointed Major General Brathwaite to be a temporary member of the Military Board and Vice President in the absence of the Commander in Chief.

24 In the 95th and following paragraphs of our last general despatch, we bring under your particular notice the extreme hardship to which the Adjutant General and Quarter Master General of the Army on this establishment were subjected in consequence of your disapproving the consolidation of their staff pay and allowances

Com 17th Nov 85 At our meeting of the 17th November, the Commander in Chief laid before us a minute stating that, under the various preparations for war, he was apprehensive that the Quarter Master General and the Adjutant General

would

would scarcely consider these appointments as holding forth to them any object on the part. He urged it as his opinion that those officers should be so far relieved as to be induced to remain in their present station and proposed that the subject of the General staff should be immediately brought under the consideration of the Governor General in Council.

86. We accordingly addressed a letter to the Governor General in Council on the subject, and stated to his Lordship that having already brought the matter under the notice of your Honble Court, we should have avoided bringing it under his Lordship's consideration, if the general good, and the immediate exigency of the public service had not called upon us to anticipate the result of our reference to your Honorable Court.

87. We stated that we did not consider ourselves at liberty to dispense with a positive order of your Honorable Court; but that believing the services of the adjutant General and of the

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Quarter Master General to be at that time of the most essential importance, we conceived ourselves called upon to submit the case to his Lordship's consideration, and to recommend in the most earnest manner that he would enable us to place two of the most important departments in the Army upon a footing of emolument adequate to their laborious and confidential nature, and by that means retain the services of two officers whose merits had been repeatedly acknowledged and whose services were considered essential to the public welfare.

Ens: 13th Nov.r 88. The Military Auditor General laid before us a claim of Mr. George Lys lately a Captain in His Majesty's 76th Regiment, to the pay of a vacant ensigncy in his Majesty's 36th Regiment from the 2nd February 1797 to the 28th of August 1798 amounting to £85-13-4

89. The grounds on which Mr. Lys made his application were these - The 76th Regiment being

being under orders to embark for Europe, Mr. Lys obtained permission to dispose of his commission to a Lieutenant of the Regiment; but from the urgency of the case, was obliged to take upon himself the disposal of the junior commissions – On the 2d. February 1797 the Lieutenancy in the 76th. Regiment was purchased, but Mr. Lys was unable to dispose of the Ensigncy until the 28th of August 1798.

90. As no claim of this sort had before been presented, we resolved to submit it to the decision of his Excellency the Commander in Chief in India. –

on 2d. Jan.y 91. The Commander in Chief was of opinion, founded on the usage of the King's service in Europe, and on the difficulty of providing proper persons to appoint to the vacancies which occur in his Majesty's Regiments by purchase in this country, and the consequent inconveniences and distress experienced by the individuals concerned, that it was fair and reasonable that while a commission remains unsold, the person entitled to the money

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ensuing from the sale of it should be permitted
receive the pay for six months, and after that
the legal interest on the amount of the purcha
money fixed by his Majestys regulations on that
head, and accordingly we have directed that the
rule shall be adopted in all future cases of
this nature.

Copies 21st Decr. 92 Since our last despatch
we have received advices from the commanding
officer at Amboyna, informing us that a general
tranquillity prevails in the Islands in our posses
-ion

Copies 27th March & Idem to Copies 4th Decr. 93. As the force at Malacca was
more considerable than, from our great naval su
-periority in every quarter of the world, was likely to
be required for the protection and security of the
place, we directed the commanding officer at
Malacca to embark for the coast three Europeans
companies on a vessel which we requested
the supreme Government to send thither with
supplies

supplies for that garrison.

94. We informed your Honorable Court in our letter of 15th October 1798, that it was our intention to advance a sum of money on account of his Majesty's 29th Dragoons sufficient to settle the accounts of the regiment from the period to which they had been paid and subsisted in England, and we accordingly now inclose one Bill in your favor amounting to £2290-11-8½ and another amounting to £458-6-8 on Messrs. Nathaniel and George Collyer.

95 We have received a bond of indemnification signed by the officers of the Regiment in case the Bills should not be paid

96. As the payments which has been made to the 29th Dragoons refer to a period previous to the Regiment being a charge on the Company, they cannot be audited here or brought to account in the books of the Presidency.

97. We received an application from

Rec'd Com. 27th Mar.
Rec'd Com. 1st Dec. at N.B.

from the commanding officer of the Regiment
to be allowed to draw the new rates of subsistence
as paid in England to officers of the rank of se
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-ceived no official communication of any chan
in the established rates of pay to his Majesty
officers, we could not depart from the practice
now in force at this Presidency. -

Cons 13th Nov 98. We received from Mr Bro
her, one of the commissioners for the manage
-ment of the public property at Malacca, a state
-ment of different disbursements which had be
made from the prize fund at Malacca on acco
of the troops of that garrison, amounting to pa
-godas 54717 - 11 - 40, for which amount he re
quested 8 per Cent bonds of this Government, -
with which request we have complied -

Cons 4th Dec 99 We have invited that the
recruits who arrived in India to join his Ma
-jesty's 52nd 71st and 72nd Regiments, and who have

been since drafted into other regiments, in con=sequence of the departure of those for whom they were intended, shall be permitted to draw the usual bounty of three guineas

No 30th Oct. 100. The Commander in Chief laid before us an application from Colonel James Ste=-venson of the Cavalry on this establishment to be appointed to the Command of that corps; but for the reasons which we have recorded, and to which we refer your Honorable Court, we declined com=-plying with the application

No 10th July 101. Having received an applica=-tion from Lieutenant Colonel Bowser to be reim=-bursed in different sums which he stated to have expended in repairing the fortifications of Dindi=-gul, and in purchasing different stores for the public service while he commanded that fortress in the year 1790, amounting in all to about 2700 Pagodas, we referred his claim to the

Military

Mem: dated 23rd Oct.

Military Board.

102. At our meeting on the 23rd October, we took into consideration the Military Board's report, & agreed in opinion that the claim of Colonel Bowser was so little supported by vouchers or authority that it could not be admitted, and we rejected it accordingly.

Mem: 30th Oct.

103. At the request of the Commander in Chief, we have associated with him the Chief Engineer, the Military auditor General the Quarter Master General and the adjutant General to assist him in carrying on the investigation into the military expenses on this Coast, which we had requested him to undertake in consequence of the instructions which we received from the Supreme government on this subject. as mentioned in our dispatch from the Public department. —

104. The Commander in Chief having stated to us the great difficulty which was found

found in filling up the vacancies happening in the sta-
-tion of Serjeant Major in some of the Native Corps,
and the increased duty and extra expense to which
the Adjutants of such Corps as were not provided
with staff Serjeants were subjected, we have permit-
-ted Adjutants so situated to draw the allowance
of a serjeant Major until the vacancies in their
Corps may be filled up. -

105 In the 86th and following pa-
-ragraphs of our last general letter, we stated that we
had directed the Military Board to give orders for
erecting temporary stables at Potoor for the accomoda-
-tion of a part of the 3rd Regiment of Native Cavalry.

106 Having received from the Bar-
-rack Master a statement of the work done and of the
expenses attending the execution of it, and the Milita-
-ry Board having informed us that the work had
been reported to them "Well executed" by the Com-
-mittee of survey held upon it, we directed the
Barrack Masters charges, amounting to Pagodas

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107. We informed you in our
-ter of the 19th February 1798 that we had publ
-ed an advertisement, inviting proposals of contr
for executing the improvements we proposed to
make in the fortifications of Dindigul.-

108.- Having however received
none, we determined to execute the work upon
-timate under the superintendence of the Engine
Lieutenant de Haviland, and we accordingly wrote
the Military Board to give the necessary ordu
and at their recommendation, have authorized
advance to Lieutenant de Haviland of Pagodas
3,478-4-14. being equal to one third of the total
amount of the estimated Cost.-

To the Mil.y Bd. dat. to Corna 20th Nov.r- From Lt. de Hav.d dat. Cons 4th Dec.r-

109 We informed your Hon
-ble Court in our dispatch of the 19th February
1798. that we had given orders for preparing Hon.r

Badges

Badges for the Native troops who had, on the commencement of this war, volunteered to embark on foreign expeditions. –

Cons. 18th Dec.r 110. The Military Board having reported to us that these badges were ready, we directed them to be forwarded to the officers commanding Corps for delivery; and we refer your Honorable Court to the general order which we furnished on that occasion to the Army. –

G.O. 19th Dec.r

Cons. 25th Dec.r 111. At our meeting of the 25th December, the Military Board transmitted to us copy of a letter from Lieut Evans in charge of the breeding stud at Ganjam, to which as it contains a very favorable account of the stud under his charge, we beg leave to refer you in a particular manner.

to Cons 17th Nov.r 112. We directed Lieutenant Charles Dallas to proceed to Hydrabad to purchase two hundred horses, in order to strengthen as much as possible our Cavalry establishment, which the urgency

urgency of the occasion rendered an essential object

113. We informed your Honorable Court, in our letter of the 15th October 1796, of our final resolution on the subject of the compensation to be granted to officers of Cavalry for the loss of their horses.

Cons: 11th Dec.r

114. From the circumstances under which the officers named in our proceedings of the 11th. December, lost their horses, we have permitted them to take horses from the new lots at the average prices which the horses may have cost the Company; and we beg leave to refer you to our minutes for the resolutions which we published on that occasion.

Ref.e to Cons: 11th Dec.r

115. We received a letter from the Military Auditor General, stating that the attornies of the late Captain Thomas Meuhl had represented to him that Captain Meuhl had, under the sanction of his Excellency

Admiral

Innual Rauner, acted as Paymaster and Commissary of grain and Provisions and Muster Master to the troops at Amboyna from the Month of January to November 1796, without having drawn any salary on account of those appointments; and that they had requested him to submit to our consideration such an allowance as might appear to him an equivalent compensation for the trouble of Captain Meuhl —

Letter to Auditor Genl. dated 18th Dec.

116. At the recommendation of the Military Auditor General, founded on precedents of a nature nearly similar with the case before us, we agreed to grant to the Estate of Captain Meuhl a monthly allowance of Captain's pay and full batta for the period of his having acted in the above situations, with an additional monthly allowance of 60 pagodas for servants in the Paymasters department, and of forty pagodas in that of the Commissary

Commissary of Grain and Provisions. -

117. In consideration of the i
=creased trouble attached to the situation o
Muster Master at the Presidency during h
late extensive equipment, we have per
=mitted the Muster Master to draw the
difference between the half and full batt
of his rank from the 26th September last
the day on which the whole of the trou
=ble devolved on him, until the duties at
present allotted to him may cease to be
so extensive as they at present are.

118. Mr. George Buchan h
=ing in consequence of ill health applied
for permission to resign his appointment
of Paymaster at Malacca, we have accep
=ted his resignation and have appointed
Mr. John Byng to that situation. -

119. We have appointed Cap=
tain Alexander Brice Judge advocate in th
Northern

Northern Division vice Sheffrey promoted.

120. We have, at their request, permit=
=ted Lieutenants James Meuhl and Thomas O'Connor to
be invalided on the subsistence of their rank, in consi
-deration of the decay of their constitutions in your ser
=vice.

121. Having reason to believe that
Mr. Henry Cope who has produced a certificate of his
appointment on the Bengal Establishment was intend
=ed for this Presidency, we have admitted him an En
-sign on this Establishment until the pleasure of
your Honorable Court shall be known.

122. The Right Honorable the Go=
-vernor General having been pleased to appoint Major
Alexander Beatson of this Establishment to be one of
his Lordship's Aides du Camp, we have appointed
Captain Alexander Orr to succeed him in the command
of the corps of Guides.

123 We have permitted Mr. Charles
Agilvie, an assistant surgeon on this establishment, to
proceed.

proceed to Bengal & eventually to Europe for the recovery of his health

124. We have appointed Sergeant Major Millar, in consideration of his excellent character, Lieutenant and Adjutant of the Revenue Corps at Ramnad commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Martin, vice Lieutenant Clarke.

125 Mrs Mary Darnell, widow of the late Mr Darnell, assistant surgeon, Mrs Harriett McMahon widow of the late Mr Bernard McMahon, surgeon of this Establishment, Mrs Mary Younge, widow of the late Lieutenant Colonel Augustus Younge, and Mrs Frances Jones widow of the late Lieutenant Richard Jones, have taken the usual oath of qualification to entitle them to Lord Clive's Bounty

from 9th Dec
from 2nd Nov

126. The Governor General in Council has at our request permitted Mrs Jones to draw her pension at Patna, the place of her residence

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Cons. 11th Sept.

127. We received, about the mid=dle of last month, dispatches from his Excellency Earl Macartney, informing us that it was his intention, conformably to the instructions which he had received from Mr. Secretary Dundas, under date 18th June 1798, to embark immediately for this coun=try eight companies of His Majesty's 84th Regi=ment, nine companies of the Scotch Brigade and 205 drafts of His Majesty's 28th dragoons, to be incorporated with the other regements of dra=goons in India, amounting on the whole to the effecint force of 1795 rank and file; and his lordship informed us that the three remaining companies belonging to the Scotch Brigade and to the 84th Regi=ment, would proceed to India as soon as he might have it in his power to send them.

Cons. 25th Sept.

128. Our preparations for war being considered in a state of sufficient forwardness, we gave orders for the whole of the troops ordered to the field, to be encamped and to be put on field allowance

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on the 1st of January.

w. 23rd. Sept.

129. We enclose copy of a statemen
of provisions furnished from the Company's stores for th
men of his Majesty's 36th Regiment, and for the invalid sea
men and soldiers who were embarked on the Busbridge in O
-tober last, as noticed in our Despatch of that date.

130. As your Honorable Court have not yet complet
the number of military Chaplains ordered for this Establishment, w
are induced to point out to your notice the Reverend Mr. A Clarke

131. This gentleman came to India with your permis
-on and was appointed superintendant of the free School at Calcutta i
the year 1790. From this situation he was removed in consequence of a
supposed appointment by your Honorable Court to be a Military Chaplain on
that Establishment. He was however soon after superseded on the arrival of
the gentleman of that name whom you had actually appointed to the situation

132. He has since acted as Chaplain of Malacca in consequ
of the appointment of his Excellency Vice admiral Rainier, and is at length
returned under circumstances of distress at this Presidency.

133 We should be cautious of introducing a request of this na
-ture on your Honorable Court; but as the circumstances of his unfortunate
appears to give him a claim to your consideration, founded upon your
permission to reside in this country with the consequent loss of
his appointment, the circumstances of his distressed situation, a
his inoffensive character, induce us to point him out as a fi
object of your bounty; and we accordingly recommend that he m
be appointed to one of the vacant situations of Chaplains at this
Presidency. —

We have the honor to be
with the greatest respect,
Honorable Sirs,
your faithful humble Servants

Fort St. George
2nd January 1799. —

Signed/ Clive
" Wm. Petrie
" E. W. Falloseels

5 Pages

Military Department

To the Honble the Court of Directors for affairs of the Honble the United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies.

Honble Sirs,

1st In the 233d and subsequent paragraphs of our dispatch from this Department by your Ships Lord Camden and Henry Dundas, The Right Honble the Governor in Council explained to your Honble Court the importance, which his Lordship in Council annexed to the removal of the french prisoners; and informed you that, as his endeavours had failed to relieve this Presidency of that inconvenience, it was his Lordship's intention to apply to the Supreme Government for assistance.

2d The Governor in Council accordingly addressed a Letter upon the Subject to the Governor General in Council at Bengal,

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of which and of the Governor General's answer we beg leave to enclose copies for the information of your Honble Court.

3d Soon after the arrival of the Governor General at this Presidency, of which your Honble Court has been already advised in the letter from the public Department of this Presidency of 13th ultimo. We resumed the consideration of this important subject, and being impressed with the absolute necessity of removing from India so frequent a source of mischief under the circumstances, in which this Government is now placed, we came to the resolution of embarking the whole number of prisoners confined at Madras together with a considerable proportion of the Europeans of Pondicherry —

4 We have in consequence engaged the Ship Telow for this Service; and have equipped and stored her for the accomodation of the Prisoners

5 Having no other means of providing

of providing a convoy for the Triton, and finding it impossible to dispatch her without protection we resolved to employ your armed Ship Cornwallis for this purpose: We have accordingly instructed Captain Romaine to take the Triton under his Convoy and to proceed with her to the Cape of Good Hope, or eventually to St. Helena or to Europe, as circumstances may render necessa-

6 For the terms, upon, which we have taken up the Triton we beg leave to refer your Honble Court to the inclosed Copy of the Charter party, in conformity to which we have granted bills upon your Honble Court for Sixteen thousand (£16,000) Pounds at Six Months sight in favor of the owners; and we request that if your Honble Court should deem it unexpedient to freight her with cargo on account of the Company, you will permit the owners to return her with Goods for India, on their own account.

7 For our orders to the Commanders of the Cornwallis and of the Triton in regard to

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the precautions to be taken against the Surprise of the Vessels, and to the Treatment of the Prisoners during the Voyage we refer you to the inclosed Copies of their Sailing Instructions -

Being anxious not only to secure, by every previous precaution the humane treatment and accomodation of the prisoners, but to preclude so far as may be practicable, every imputation of neglect or inattention to their desirable objects - We have ordered a particular Survey of the Ships and an examination of the Stores and provisions; and we enclose for your information a Copy of the report of the Committee appointed for that purpose.

Having embarked ample Supplies of medical Stores for the use of the Prisoners and having appointed Mr. Maxwell Thomson an old Surgeon on this establishment to attend them during the voyage, we have particularly directed Captains Romaine and Duncan to enforce a strict and regular attention to the cases of the Sick.

We inclose for the information of your Honble Court a Return of the prisoners embarked at the Presidency; and have authorized the Commanding Officer at Pondichery to forward to your Secretary a similar Return of those who may be embarked from Pondichery.--

It Your Honble Court will observe that by the Charter party of the Triton the Commander is bound to deliver the Prisoners at such port in Great Britain as your Honble Court may appoint, and we accordingly request that you will furnish him with your orders for this purpose. --

"George"
ay 1799.--

We have the honor to be
with the greatest respect
Honorable Sirs
Your faithful
humble Servants
W. J. Horrington
Clive
Wm Petrie
E. Wm Fallofield

To the Honble the Court of Directors
for Affairs of the Honble the United
Company of Merchants of England
Trading to the
East Indies

Honble Sirs,

Para 1 . Although it was not our intention to have gone into any detail respecting the war in India upon the present occasion, yet a material circumstance connected with the war has occurred of so much importance to your interests, that we feel it our duty to make a particular communication of it to your Honble Court . .

2 Immediately after the Governor Generals arrival at this Presidency on his Majesty's Ship La Sybille our demand for Specie was found to be so extremely urgent that his Lordship prevailed upon Captain Cooke to return immediately to Bengal for the purpose of bringing a Supply from thence—This Service was executed with the greatest degree of promptitude

promptitude, and with such expedition as
enabled us to furnish the Commander in
Chief with an ample supply of money for
the use of the Army, before the Army was
prepared in other respects to march from the
Company's territories.—

3 The day after the return of La
Sybelle we received intelligence that a consi-
derable naval force of the enemy was arrived
in the bay of Bengal. This intelligence was
of the most alarming nature: for as all
other naval considerations had at that time
yielded to the important object of frustrating
any attempt, which might be made by the
French in Egypt, to transport a part of their
Army to the Malabar Coast, his Excellency
Rear Admiral Rainier had made the best
disposition for this purpose, and had collected
the whole of his force (except the Ships destined
for the protection of the China convoy and
La Sybelle) on the Malabar Coast.—

4 Under these circumstances

a french squadron on the bay of Bengal might have effectually interrupted our communication with Bengal and the northern Circars, and might not only have deprived us of the resource of that Presidency in grain, Stores, and Money for the purposes of the War with Tippoo Sultan but have inevitably produced the dreadful calamity of famine at this place, which from the scantiness of the crops in the center provinces of the Carnatic, was seriously to be apprehended—

5 Captain Cooke with the utmost degree of gallantry and alacrity sailed in quest of the enemy, and soon after his departure received authentic intelligence that the French National Frigate La Forte had arrived at the Island Heads where she appeared to have taken a permanent and judicious position, for the purpose of intercepting all Ships destined either from or to the Port of Calcutta...

6 La Forte had already taken several valuable prizes, among which was your

Ship

Ships Colby, and Captain Cooke having the
good fortune to fall in with one of the Capte
vessels, from her received authentic informatio
of the strength and position of the enemy:
notwithstanding the great superiority of La
Forte in the number of her complement and
in the weight of her metal Captain Cooke steer
a direct course for her, and brought her to a
close action on the night of the 28th February
The discription and result
of this engagement is contained in a paper
which we enclose for the information of
your Excellency.
Although the steady determi-
nation of Captain Cooke, the gallantry
with which he went into action, and
the skill and judgment which he dis-
played in overcoming an enemy of such
superior force, entitle him to the admiratio
of his countrymen, and although the
brilliancy of this action is not inferior
to any of those numerous examples which

during the present War have raised the reputation of the British Navy to an unprecedented eminence of glory, we shall not dwell on the last of the subject, but shall content ourselves with representing to your Noble Court the great advantages which your interests have derived from this brilliant victory.

9 The alarm, which the first intelligence of the arrival of the enemy had excited for the safety of our supplies from Bengal, has entirely subsided, those supplies have been despatched from Calcutta for the use of the Army, as well to this place as to the Malabar Coast, the trade in grain from the Northern Circars has been opened, by which we are in a great measure relieved from the apprehension of scarcity, the movement of Troops by sea is again in our power, and has in some instances on this Coast been attended with considerable convenience: the despondency which must have followed the blockade of the mouths of the river has yielded

yielded to a confidence in our supplies and resources; and this distinguished example of our Naval Superiority brought so closely under the observation of our allies, as well as of our enemies in India, must impress upon the minds of both, the difficulty of any attempt on the part of Tippoo to invade your empire at the hazard of encountering the resistance of His Majesty's Fleet in these seas.—

Under these impressions we think the Gallantry displayed by Captain Cooke in seeking a Superior enemy and the successfull event of his action leading to the important consequences, which we have stated, entitle him to our warmest gratitude: we therefore beg leave to attract the notice of your Honble Court to the Service which he has rendered to the Company, and to recommend him in the strongest Manner to your most favorable Consideration.—

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I will be an a-

dent to your Honble Court to mark your sense
of the services of Captain Cook, that this Galla-
nd able officer was severely wounded in the
defence of your Trade, that for nearly a Month
after the action his recovery was deemed de-
sperate, and that his wounds have so impaired
his strength as to afford little hope of his
life being saved without considerable injury
to his health. —

We have the honor to be
with the greatest respect
Honorable Sirs
Your faithful
humble Servants
Mornington
Clive
Wm Petrie
E. W. Talbot

Plymouth
April 1799.

To

To the Honble the Court of Directo.
for Affairs of the Honble the United
Company of Merchants of
England Trading to the
East Indies

Honble Sirs,

It is with the utmost satis
faction that we have the honor to forward
to your Honble Court the inclosed Copy of
a Dispatch received this day from Lieutenant
General Harris announcing the important
events of the fall of the city of Seringapatam,
the Death of Tippoo Sultaun and the Cap-
ture of two of his Sons and of many of his
principal officers on the 4th of May.

Your Honble Court may be
assured that the most assiduous endeavours
of the Governor General in Council will be
employed to derive from these events the
inestimable advantages which they promise
to the General prosperity of your affairs in
India

We have not yet received the c
of the action of the 4th of May, but we deemed
to be our duty to transmit to you without
delay of a moment the intelligence contained
in this Despatch – We shall take an early
opportunity of forwarding by an overla
and sea conveyance such further detai
as we shall receive from Lieut.t Genera
Harris, together with full information
the proceedings of the Governor General
in Council in consequence of the glori
success of the British Army in Mysore.

We have the honor to be
with the greatest respect
Honorable Sirs
Your faithful
humble Servants
[Signed] Mornington
Clive
" Wm. Petrie
" C.W. Malet Field

To

Fort St. George
4 May 1799 –

Military Department

To the Honble the Court of Directors
for affairs of the Honble the United
Company of Merchants of England
Trading to the
East Indies

Honble Sirs,

Para 1 On the 11 Instant we had
the honor of forwarding to your Honble Court
the Copy of a Short dispatch from Lieutenant
General Harris announcing the event of the
fall of Seringapatam and the death of Tippo
Sultan.

2 Having since received from
Lieutenant General Harris the details relative
to that memorable conquest, we inclose for
your information a Copy of the Commander
in Chiefs letter to the Right Honble the
Governor General, of which we have thought
it advisable to omit a passage containing
matter, on which an important political
arrangement actually depends, and we
have therefore no doubt that it will be more
satisfactory

Satisfactory to your Honble Court, that this subject should for the present be communicated only to the Secret Committee.

5 Having already congratulated your Honble Court upon the important event of the Capture of Seringapatam, and having assured you of the most vigilant attention of the Governor General in Council to improve the advantages, which may be expected to arise from this brilliant and decisive success, it is our principal object in this address to draw the attention of your Honble Court to the merits of that gallant Army which atchieved the conquest of the Capital of Mysore

6 We have no doubt that your Honble Court will view with admiration the consummate judgment with which the enterprise was planned, the unequalled rapidity animation and skill with which it was executed, and the humanity which distinguished its final success

7 The lustre of this victory can be equalled

equalled only by the substantial advantages
which it promises to establish by restoring
the peace and safety of the British Possessions
in India on a durable foundation of genuine
security; and your Honorable Court will as-
suredly concur in the sentiments of national
pride, satisfaction, and gratitude, with which
we reflect, that in this arduous crisis the spirit
and exertions of the Indian Army have kept
pace with those of our Countrymen at home,
and that in India as in Europe, Great Britain
has found in the malevolent designs of her
Enemies, an increasing source of her
own prosperity, fame, and power.

6 Under the warmest im-
pressions of its discipline, Zeal, and
valour, we beg leave to recommend
this brave and gallant Army to
the favorable notice of your Honble
Court, and to the applause and gratitude

of

of their King and Country.

Fort St. George
16th. May 1799.

We have the Honor to be
with the greatest respect
Honorable Sirs
your faithful
humble Servants
signed Harrington
Clive
Wm. Petrie
& Wm. Falkfield

P.S.
Wm. Monteith

To the Honble Court of Directors for
affairs of the United
Company of Merchants of England
trading to the
East Indies

Honble Sirs,

Para 1st It has appeared to the Gover
nor and Council to be proper, that his Lord
ship's proceedings and resolution for the dis
tribution of the treasure and Jewels captured
in Seringapatam should form the subject
of a separate dispatch to your Honble Court.

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2 The possession of Tippoo Sultaun's whole treasure, even on the fall of Seringapatam was an event, which the Governor General in Council could not reasonably have anticipated, and it was a case therefore, for which no rule could be provided, until the obstinacy of Tippoo Sultaun and the rapid progress of the siege had actually produced the event.

3 Under these circumstances are the uncertainty of the amount of the Sultaun treasure, which common rumour had rather exaggerated, the disposal of it became a question of Considerable delicacy and importance.

4 The Right of the Crown to the whole of the captured property appeared to be founded on the best interpretations of the Law of Nations, while the Capture having been effected by the joint operation of His Majesty's and of the Honble Company's Forces, His Majesty's Royal Letters patent bearing date the 9th January 1758 and expressly

expressly reserving for his Royal Prerogative the
disposal of all property captured in such ope-
rations, seemed to apply with full force to
the case. -

5 The orders also of your Honble Court
dated 8th. March 1758 direct that in all hostilities
or expeditions in which any of His Majesty's
forces shall be appointed and commanded to
act in conjunction with those of the Company, all
plunder or booty as may be taken, or the produce
thereof, shall be kept entire, and reported to your
Honble Court in order that the necessary applica-
tion may be made to his Majesty for a division
thereof in such manner and proportion as the
King shall think fit.)

6 On the other hand it remained
for us to weigh the prevailing opinion in favr
of the Right of Captors to all property found in
Places taken by assault, the invariable practice
of His Majesty in cases of a similar nature,
and the unquestionable claims of this gallant
Army to every reasonable indulgence. -

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7 The difficulty of this question (if indeed the doubt had ever been entertained in the minds of the Army) would have been solved by the decision and authority of the Marquis Cornwallis, for during the course of the former War in Mysore, his Lordship declared in general Orders "That he considered all property in places, taken by assault or deserted to belong to the Captors." Orders 8th

8 This Order as well as the uniform practice sanctioned by the same great authority, during the whole of the former War, being recent in the Memory of the whole Army, was considered as an unquestionable confirmation of their Right to the property taken in Seringapatam and, although the law of Nations, applicable to the case justified, the Governor General in Council in dissenting from the authority of the Marquis Cornwallis yet a decision, founded on abstract grounds of Public law, might have appeared rigorous and illiberal, when opposed to the prevailing opinions

opinions respecting the right of Captors, confirmed by so formal and justly revered a sanction.—

9 Under these circumstances the difficulty appeared to resolve itself into a question of expediency, arising from considerations of the amount of the treasure captured in Seringapatam and in this view of the subject the Governor General in Council deemed it advisable to permit the Captors to proceed to a distribution of the Prize, to such an extent as should not incur the hazard of producing any relaxation in the discipline of the Army.—

10 The report transmitted to his Lordship by the Commander in Chief on the subject, states the amount of Specie at about Sixteen Lacks of Pagodas, and the amount of Jewels at about Nine Lacks More.

11 Although this Sum is very considerable, yet comparing it with the donations, which had been granted to the Army by the Marquess Cornwallis and by your Honble Court in the year 1792, the Governor-General

in Council did not judge the difference to be disproportioned to the actual case, under all the circumstances of the assault. —

12 With an anxious desire to pay all most respectful obedience to your orders of the 2d. March 1758 as well as to pursue the spirit of his Majesty's Letters patent by which the prerogative Royal to distribute all plunder and booty is reserved in all cases in which his Majesty's troops may have been employed, the Governor General in Council was also sensible of the utter inexpediency of disappointing the sanguine expectations of the whole Army, founded on such rational grounds as the uniform practice of the late War, and the publick orders of the Marquis Cornwallis. —

13 Being accordingly satisfied that the amount of Treasure and Jewels stated to his Lordship was not so great, as to produce any dangerous irregularity among the troops, and being urged by the Commander in Chief for the reasons stated in His Excellency

Letter

Letter of 23d May to an early distribution of such part of the prize property as might be granted to the Army, the Governor General in Council entertained no doubt that the gracious bounty of his Majesty and the liberality of your Honble Court, would be proportioned to the effect which had produced so large an addition to the revenues and resources of the Company, and established the security of your possessions in the peninsula of India on such solid and permanent foundation.—

His Lordship therefore charged himself with the responsibility of anticipating the royal sanction, and your determination, and accordingly authorized the Commander in Chief to make an immediate distribution of the treasure and Jewels to the troops of the allies, in such proportions as might be conformable to the usage of the British Service, in cases of a similar nature; and his Lordship in Council took this opportunity of expressing his satisfaction that the final success of this brilliant campaign had enabled him to afford a substantial proof

Vide Letter to Court in Chief and order [N°3]

proof of the publick gratitude towards the Army
by bestowing a reward proportioned to the
Magnitude and importance of their Services,
and earned not more by their Labour, courage,
and perseverance, than their exact discipline,
uniform regularity, and exemplary subordination
15 In your Letter dated 8th. March
1758, you are pleased to direct that "in land ex-
"peditions all Cannon, Ammunition and Militar
"Stores of all kinds are not to come into the deci-
"sion but are to belong entirely to the Company:
16 On a full consideration of this
injunction, the Governor General in Council
thought it advisable to reserve the whole of the
Ordnance, Ammunition, and Military Stores
(including grain) for the ultimate decision of
His Majesty on such application as shall
be made to him by your Humble Court.
17 For this purpose his Lordship
in Council directed that a proper Board of
Officers should be selected and appointed by
the Commander in Chief to value and to take

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an exact account of all that part of the captured property, which is included under the denomination of Ordnance, Ammunition, and Military Stores

18 The Governor General in Council is concerned that the irregularity and confusion which was found to prevail in the Arsenals of Tippoo Sultaun, together with the extent and variety of his Military equipments, render it impossible to transmit by the present dispatches a correct estimate of the value of the Stores &c. &c. ordered under this Order; but his Lordship trusts that the Lists, which are now forwarded, will enable your Honble Court to lay sufficient information before his Majesty, and to obtain his Royal sanction for the disposal of the Ordnance Ammunition, and Military Stores

19 His Lordship in Council directed that the proportion of prize Money to be allotted to the contingent of His Highness the Nizam, should be determined by the Number of his Highness's regular troops actually employed in the field with the Army before Seringapatam

at the time of the capture of that place —

20 This principle has accordingly been applied to the Infantry, of which regular returns had been made to the Adjutant General of the Army, but the irregular establishment of His Highness's Cavalry having rendered this mode of calculation impracticable with regard to them, a compromise was effected between the Commander in Chief and Meer Allum Bahadur, for one lack of Pagodas, in lieu of all further demand on account of the Nizam's Cavalry. —

21 Having judged it probable that Meer Allum might not be inclined to dispense with the right of his Sovereign over that part of the captured property which was allotted to His Highness, The Governor General in Council directed the Commander in Chief to consult Meer Allum on this point, and to give Orders for the appropriation of the Nizam's Share, in such manner as should be most agreeable

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to him.

22 It is scarcely necessary to observe to your Honble Court that whatever determination may be taken with respect to the appropriation of the ordnance and Military Stores captured in Seringapatam, it will be proper to consider the title of His Highness the Nizam to share in this part of the Prize. Perhaps His Highness's proportion of this part of the Prize cannot be determined by a more equitable Standard than that assumed in the first dividend to the Army Conformably to this rule, His Highness would be entitled to about one Sixth part of the Ordnance and Military Stores; to be applied to His Highness's own use, or divided among his Troops, according to the pleasure of His Highness.

23 With a view to render the distribution of prize Money an available resource for the immediate Supply of Specie to the Army, and to afford individuals in Camp the means of disposing of their respective proportion

proportions with Security, The Governor General in Council Authorized the Commander in Chief to open a loan for bonds of this Government bearing Interest at 8 per Cent per Annum: And we are happy to add that a Material Supply of Money has by this means been obtained for the use of the Army, which has relieved us from the necessity of sending Specie for that purpose from the Presidency, and which will ultimately we trust have a considerable effect in reducing the rate of interest on your Paper.

Fort St. George
6th August 1796

We have the honor to be
with the greatest respect
Honble Sirs
Your faithful
humble Servants
sd/ Mornington
" Clive
" Wm Petrie
" Edwd Tullokfield

Military Department.

To the Honble the Court of Directors
for the Affairs of the Honble the United
Company of Merchants of England
Trading to the

East Indies _

Honble Sirs,

Para 1 In our letter of the 3d Instant
from the Commercial Department we have
explained to your Honble Court the causes
which have produced a delay in the dispatch
of the freighted Ships, Cornwallis &c.

2 The Honble. Mr Wellesley Privat
Secretary to the Governor General having arriv
at the Presidency from Seringapatam since
the date of that letter, the Governor General
has thought it of considerable importance that
a person so entirely in his Lordships confi-
dence, who was employed as one of the Com-
missioners for negotiating the treaties of
Mysore and Seringapatam, and for the
Settlement of the dominions of the late Tipp
Sultan, and who is intimately acquainted

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with His Lordship's Sentiments relative to the present state of political affairs in India, should be charged with His Lordship's dispatches to your Honble Court, and to His Majesty's Ministers on this important occasion —

3 Mr Wellesley accordingly embarked on the Cornwallis in charge of the Governor General's dispatches to your Honble Court and to His Majesty's Ministers —

4 It was the intention of the Governor General, if it had been practicable to dispatch the Cornwallis at an earlier period to have confided His Lordship's dispatches to Majors Beatson and Allan but under the change of circumstances already stated, the Governor General has thought it advisable that those officers should accompany Mr Wellesley on the Cornwallis, in order, that they may afford such explanations as may be required by your Honble Court, or by His Majesty's Ministers on points connected with

with the operations of the Army during the
Campaign and during the Siege of Seringapatam.

5 Your Honble Court is already
informed that Major Beatson had been sele
at a very early period of our late preparatio
by Lord General Harris, as an officer capable
of affording satisfactory information on th
extensive and arduous questions at that
time under the consideration of the Govern
General.

6 Major Beatson accordingly
proceeded to Bengal in the Month of July
1798 and the Governor General having deem
it expedient from his extensive information
zeal and talents, to retain that officer about
His Lordships person, was pleased to appoin
him one of His Lordships Aides du Camp on
the Establishment.

7 On his return to this Presidency
Major Beatson was appointed Surveyor
General to the Army in the Field, a Station,
the duties of which he has executed, in a

manner

manner to obtain the distinguished approbation of the Commander in Chief, and the eminent services, which his science and experience enabled him to render during the operations of the Seige of Seringapatam, entitle him to the most favorable notice of your Honble Court.

Major Allan held the post of Deputy Quarter Master General to the Army on this establishment, a Situation, for which he was well qualified by his long experience in the Corps of guides, and to which his Services during the last War, under the Marquis Cornwallis gave him the best founded pretensions.

The Commander in Chief has reported to us that Major Allan had rendered important Service to the army at an early period of the campaign by enabling his Excellency to make a judicious movement for securing Supplies of water, which had been endangered by the operations of the enemy.

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10 During the whole event of the Storm of Seringapatam the humanity displayed by Major Allan towards the family of Tippoo Sultan, at that period, in a most critical situation, and the judicious and spirited exertions made by that Officer for the Safety of the family entitled him to our warmest approbation

11 The Governor General felt so deep an impression of Major Allan's meritorious conduct on this occasion, that his Lordship was pleased to distinguish him by the honour of an appointment to be one of his Lordship's Honorary Aides du Camp

12 On the grounds already stated we point out Majors Bradshaw and Allan to your favorable notice and recommend them to you as Officers whose conduct and Services deserve the distinguished approbation of your Honble Court

13 Lieutenant George Harris has been charged by his father the Commander

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on Chief, with the Colours of the Fort of Seringapatam and with those of the French Corps in the Service of the late Tippoo Sultaun —

14 We have no doubt that your Honble Court will extend to this young Officer a portion of that gratitude and respect, which you will feel for the brilliant and important atchievements of Lieutenant General Harris —

15 The Gentlemen above-mention to whom trusts of a public nature have been confided, have been accomodated with passages on the Commands at the Public expense —

Nort. St. George
16th August 1799 —

I have the honor to be
with the greatest respect
Honorable Sirs
your faithful
humble Servants
(Signed) Hormington
Clive
Wm Petrie
E. Wm Tallofield

To

Ext. Wm Clarke

Military Department

To the Worship the Court of Directors for
Affairs of the Worship the United
Company of Merchants of England
Trading to the
East Indies

Worthy Sirs,

2nd 1st Since our address to your
Worthy Court from this Department dated 2d
January last, we have had the honor to receive
your despatches of the 5th July, 8th August 5th and 28th
December 1798.

Answer to Letter 8th August 1798.

2nd 1st date of last Despatches } 2 Nothing to reply —

2 the appointment of Cadets to the artillery and Engineer Corps } 3 We shall pay every attention to these orders of your Worthy Court.

3 We shall be return'd without prejudice to his Cadet } 4 Needs no particular reply —

Answer to Letter 5th December 1798

Last date of last Despatch } 5 Needless reply

2 Certificates for Military Stores

2 We have furnished the Military Board with the order of his Majesty's most Honble Privy Council, and we have directed them to prepare the certificates according to the instructions of your Honble Court —

3 & 4 Balance due to Mr Hare

3 & 4 As Mr Hare has satisfied your Honble Court by taking the oath prescribed and as we have no reason to alter the opinion which we have already given upon the subject of the balance due to that Gentleman, we have ordered the Account to be made out by the Accountant General, and discharged by bills on your Honble Court at 8 ℔ pr Pagoda and one bond for 3000 Pag.ˢ at 8 ℔ pr cent — pr Annum, agreeably to the request of Mr Hare's Attorney —

3 We have resolved to postpone the consideration of this paragraph entitled the return of the Commander in Chief from the field —

We

6 Mr Preston appointed an additional Penalty -

9 We have furnished Major General Brathwaite with a Copy of this Paragraph and have directed him to make a report of Mr. Preston's qualifications, on the arrival of that Gentleman

7 Passage money not allowed to his Majesty's Officers going home in charge of invalids

16 We have furnished the Commander in Chief and the Military Auditor General with Copies of this paragraph for their guidance -

11 We have resolved to postpone the consideration of your letters of 25th. July and 28th. December until the return of the Commander in Chief to the Presidency -

12 Since our letter from this Department of the 2d. January, we have had the honor to address you on the 5th. February, 21st. April, 11th and 16th May -

13 Your Honble Court has been already advised from the Public Department of the arrival of the Right Honble the Governor General at

at their Presidency on the 2d January.

14 We stated in our letter of the 2d January that we had received a Dispatch from his Excellency the Earl of Macartney informing us of his intention to embark immediately for India, Nine Companies of the Scotch Brigade and eight Companies of His Majestys 84th Regiment with 200 Men of His Majestys 28th Dragoons.

15 Agreeably to His Lordships advices His Majestys Ships Sceptre with the Transports mentioned in the Margin arrived here on the 9th January last, the other Transports did not reach this place until the 17th January.

16 On the Arrival of the Troops from the Cape of Good Hope we received a Letter from the Deputy Paymaster General to the Kings Troops, requesting to be informed in what footing the Paymasters of the Corps lately arrived, or who might hereafter arrive were to be considered, whether according to the System hitherto observed in this Coast

or according to the new system said to have been lately established in England.

Dy to Lins 22d January

17 In reply we informed him that until official advice should be received of the new mode said to be established for the payment of His Majesty's Troops in Europe, we deemed it advisable that the system at present in force in this country should be continued, but that meanwhile the new paymasters who had arrived or might hereafter arrive would be permitted to draw their pay and in addition, the allowance of Captain

18 We have already requested your Honble Court to furnish us with regular information of the changes which may take place in Europe in regard to the payment of His Majesty's Troops, and stated to you the embarrassment in which we have been frequently placed from the want of such information—

19 Major General Baird having been appointed by His Majesty to the Staff in India, arrived with the fleet from the

Cape

Cape of Good Hope, and was admitted accordingly upon the Staff of this Presidency – We have permitted him to draw from the period of his leaving the Cape of Good Hope until his arrival the same Staff allowances as he was entitled to draw while at that place.

20 With the view of increasing the European force under the Presidency of Bombay, we resolved to send thither the eight companies of His Majesty's 84th Regiment, and they accordingly embarked on His Majesty's Ship Sceptre and on the Vestes and Loyalist, transports for that Presidency –

21 In our dispatch of the 5th Feby, we informed your Honble Court that we had directed the Triton to touch at Pondicherry and to receive on Board the french prisoners whom we directed the commanding Officer to embark from thence, and we shall now proceed to detail to you different circumstances connected with the embarkation –

22 The Governor General having

Augt 1809 of an contemplation to remove from Pondicherry
the whole of the french prisoners and inhabitants
who might have the means of forwarding the
views of Tippoo Sultaun against the British
interests. His Lordship directed the Commandant
of that place, Captain W. H. Grant, to prepare
a list of the prisoners and Inhabitants with
such information annexed to each name as
might enable the Board to select those whom
it might be deemed expedient to embark on
the Triton. –

23 Captain Grant accordingly transmitted to us a list of the French prisoners and inhabitants at Pondicherry, containing a full explanation of their situation and characters –

24 We concurred in opinion with the Governor General that however necessary to the public safety we might deem the entire embarkation of all the suspected persons from Pondicherry, there were some cases in the list transmitted to us, in which a different regard might be paid to the unhappy situation of

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the families of the persons described as being so dangerous, and that materially affecting the principal object of evacuating Pondicherry, and we therefore resolved upon this principle, to extracting the obnoxious characters from Captain Grant's list, to make an exception of all those who appeared to have children depending upon them

26 In transmitting the list of those whom we wished to be embarked on the Triton to Captain Grant, we pointed out this circumstance particularly to his attention, and at the same time desired him to assure such as might have families but who might notwithstanding be anxious to proceed to Europe that a suitable provision would be made for their families in their absence —

26th The Triton under convoy of two armed Ships the Cornwallis sailed from hence on the 9th February and arrived at Pondicherry the day following.

27 On the 10th we received a letter from Captain Grant informing us that with

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some proscription which he had from particular circumstances judged it advisable to make the whole of them named in the list we had transmitted to him had been embarked, and that the Cornwallis and Triton had sailed on the 9th Instant We accordingly expressed to Captain Grant our entire satisfaction with the selection which he had made and with the expedition with which he had executed the painful duty entrusted to him.

28 In order that we might settle upon such families as had been in consequence of the embarkation deprived of their husbands or fathers, some adequate provision for their support, we directed Captain Grant to report to us the number of families thus circumstanced and to give us his opinion as to the sums which he might consider sufficient for their support.

Dy to Com 19th February

Com 19th Feb

29 We were much disappointed on receiving Captain Grants final report to find that several fathers of families had been embarked on the Triton, and apprehending under

this first impression that considerable distress might be produced by such a misinterpretation of our orders we immediately dispatched a letter to Captain Grant in which after explaining our former instructions to provide against every cause of unnecessary inconvenience and to preserve the national character by every attention to humanity, we informed him that we should charge on him the effects of the error which he appeared to have committed.—

30 Captain Grant explained in the most satisfactory manner his reasons for believing the list he transmitted by him to be correct and convinced us that the error which had been discovered originated in the endeavour of the Inhabitants of Pondicherry themselves to impose incorrect information on the Commandant at that time newly arrived

31 From the further explanation of Captain Grant we were satisfied that the families left behind were chiefly of the lowest class of the Natives of this Country, and

that

that all the men who had been embarked on
the Triton were of the most abandoned char-
acters and desperate fortunes, and as it has
since appeared that there was scarcely a perso
in Pondicherry recommended with the Inclination
of the country, and that even the recall of tho
who had departed would not be acceptable
to their passions, we were satisfied that noth
was wanting in attention to humanity.

32 Deeming it inexpedient in
the situation of public affairs at that ****
time, that any french inhabitants should be
permitted to remain at Pondicherry, we ca
ne to the resolution of an entire evacuation of that place,
and we accordingly directed the Commandant
Officer to remove from Pondicherry the remain
ing french prisoners and European Inhabitan
and to march them to the Presidency under
a guard of the Troops then composing the
Garrison, with the exception of those, of whom
from infirmity, situation or principles there
was no cause to be suspicious -

in 12 Janry

33 At our meeting of the 2d January we permitted Major General Braithwaite to resign the command of Pondicherry and we appointed him to command the Troops in the Carnatic as soon as the Commander in Chief should quit the territories depending on this Presidency.

in 16 Janry

34 At our Meeting of 16th January the Governor General laid before us a Minute stating that he had taken into consideration our Letter to His Lordship in Council of 18th November respecting the allowances of the Quarter Master General and of the Adjutant General, and that his Lordship entirely concurred with us as to the necessity of adopting an Arrangement for the improvement of those situations.

35 His Lordship was sensible that the services of both those officers were of considerable importance, and he did not hesitate to declare his conviction that the Corps of the Adjutant General, Lieutenant Colonel Close, in particular, would at that

period have amounted to a misfortune of a pu
nature

36 Under this conviction and
consideration of the very inadequate field al
lowances attached to the general Staff, His Lo
ship felt it his duty to suspend for the presen
the effect of the order of your Honble Court of
23d May 1792.

37 His Lordship therefore propo
that the Quarter Master General and the
Adjutant General should each be permitted
to draw from the 1st January 1799 a Staff sala
of Co Rupees per Month, upon the principle no
in force in Bengal.

38 After taking his Lordship's propo
should be only considered as temporary, to conti
during the continuance of the Army in the field
The subject being under reference to your Hono
Court, the Governor General did not think it
would be respectful to extend the arrangemen
he proposed beyond the limits of the present crisis

39 This salary has accordingly been granted to the Quarter Master and Adjutant General during the War, but as your separate letter upon the Subject of the Military establishment at this Presidency has been received without any reference to the General Staff, we feel ourselves, bound by justice to the officers holding these situations, and to the permanent interests of the Military Establishment on this Coast to continue the allowances in question, until the orders of your Noible Court on this point shall have been received.

40 We detailed fully in our last general dispatch the measures which had been adopted with regard to Major General Goddard

41 At our Meeting of the 22d of January the Governor General laid before us a letter which General Goddard had addressed to his Lordship, accompanied by various papers which he requested might be forwarded to your Noible Court by the first dispatch and

which we accordingly transmit a number in the packet, without any remark in addition to those which we have already had occasion to make on the unprecedented conduct of that officer.

19 In answer to the request of general Gates for permission to embark for England by the first favorable opportunity to publish the whole of his correspondence, We informed him that we permitted him to proceed to England by the first opportunity, but that as the whole of his case had been already referred to your Honble court, we thought it unbecoming the respect due to your Honble Court to permit the publication of his papers during the reference, if even the measure itself could be deemed unobjectionable, and we therefore expressly prohibited him from publishing them.

13 At our meeting of the 2d April we received a most improper letter from Major General Gates in which after informing us

That

that he had for the present relinquished his inten-
tion of going to England, he proceeds in the in-
most insidious manner to revive his charges
against Conductor Clarke.

44 The attempt of General Gibbs
to bring again under discussion a subject which
we had anxiously endeavoured to bury in oblivion
appeared to us to be so incompatible with every
idea of subordination, that we thought we
could not consistently with our duty allow him
to remain any longer in this country.

45 We therefore informed General
Gibbs that we were compelled to provide effectually
against those inconveniences and dangers which
were to be apprehended from his continuance
in India, by conveying to him our order to
embark on the first Ship which might sail
from this place for Great Britain.

46 At our meeting of the 9th of
April, we received another letter from General
Gibbs wherein he states that upon mature
consideration

consideration of me with the above mentioned he was convinced that he had acted from an ill advised precipitancy in forwarding it, and he therefore requested that he might be permitted to withdraw it, pledging his word of honor that if we should thus far indulge him, he would not attempt to renew the subject of the late meeting at the Mount so long as that, or the subject of his suspension, might continue under reference to your Honble court

47 In consequence of this apology and sacred obligation we consented to relieve Major General Gates from the Order which we had passed for his embarkation for Europe.

48 We have been induced to extend this indulgence to Major General Gates from our reluctance, if it can be avoided, to take any further steps with regard to that Officer until we shall have received your final determination upon the subject of the Meeting. --

49 Mem. Meeting of the [illegible]

January

January the Military Board transmitted to us their report and detailed plan for the establishment of horse Artillery, for the particulars of which we beg leave to refer you to the report and statements which accompanied it entered in our proceedings -

50 We entirely approved the plan suggested to us by the Military Board, and requested the commander in Chief to give the orders which might be necessary for carrying it into execution, which we understand has been done with the greatest success and advantage to the public service during the late War.

51 Under the circumstances of our Army being about to take the field, we gave orders for postponing the construction of the stables at Commadore, which we apprized you in our letter of the 15th October we had committed to the superintendence of Lieutenant Colonel Murray and we beg leave to refer you

to

Letter from the Military Board in Ireland to Lieutenant Colonel Murray Letter for a statement of the work executed by him previous to his resolution

52 We received an application from certain butcher Masters for monies stated to be due to them by the Neville company for Bullocks supplied by them to your Army during the years 1782-1783 & 1784 amounting in all to Pagodas 9809 18. 20. —

on 30th Oct.

53 We referred their claim to Mrs H. Harden late acting Principal agent for Bullocks for his investigation and report, and he gave it as his opinion that the sum claimed by the bullock Masters was actually due to them — In order however to ascertain with more precision the justness of a claim which has been allowed to remain dormant for so long a period, we appointed a Committee to investigate it —

on 16th May

54 The Committee have in their report stated it as their opinion that it is satisfactorily

satisfactorily proved that a balance of Pagodas
9,169 18 20 is due from the Honble Company,
but they do not think it established by sufficient
proof that the present petitioners are the
persons entitled to recover"

55 We are concerned that we are
prevented by this difficulty from doing an
act of justice, but in a case of so remote a date,
of so intricate a description, and of so much
doubt with respect to the claimants, we do not
think ourselves justified in paying so large
a sum without the sanction of your Honble
Court, and we therefore beg leave to submit
the whole case to your consideration and
ultimate decision —

56 We were induced in order to
relieve ourselves from a considerable inconve-
nience and expence to suggest to His Excel-
lency the Governor of Ceylon the expediency
of removing the Malay prisoners amounting
to about three hundred from this Coast to

Ceylon and of incorporating them with the corps of Malays in the service of His Excellency's Government

57 Mr North having readily consented to receive the Malay prisoners they were embarked

Names of Malays on board a vessel for Colombo

58 We were concerned that we were unable to comply with Mr North's application for a certain proportion of European noncommissioned officers whom he judged indispensably necessary for the discipline of the Malay Corps, but on consulting the Commander in Chief of the Troops on the Carnatic on the subject, we found that the state of our European Establishment absolutely precluded us from meeting his Excellency's wishes.

Mr North 2d July

59 Having obtained the previous concurrence of Mr North we permitted about forty Dutch officers prisoners of War at this Presidency to proceed to Ceylon where they will remain upon the pay of the Dutch Service and we have lately permitted thirteen

of the Officers to prevent To Malavia upon their parole of honor --

60 The Ship Recovery which was captured by the french National frigate La Forte in the Bay of Bengal having been permitted at the earnest intercession of the passengers who were on board, to return to this place for the purpose of landing them, under an engagement that they would endeavour to prevail with us to admit the Recovery as a Cartel, we in consideration of the circumstances of the case, and of the motives of liberality and humanity which appeared to have induced the Commander of the La Forte to comply with the request of the passengers, resolved to permit her to proceed to the Mauritius -

61 In a letter which the Governor General addressed to the Governor of the Mauritius by the Recovery, His Lordship explained to him that the Captors of the Recovery had no positive right to claim the privileges of

a cartel, and that she must be sensible that this was an indulgence, and not a right founded on the law of nations, or the usage of war, his Lordship apprized him that in future any ship entering a British Port after capture by a ship of the Republic, would be considered and treated as prize.

62 He took advantage of the Recovery proceeding to the Mauritius to send back on her some french officers who remained here, and whom we deemed it highly expedient to take so favorable an opportunity of sending from this Coast. —

63 The Governor General having previous to the sailing of the Recovery received a complaint from some french prisoners confined in the fort of Pondicherry, caused a particular inquiry to be made into the grievances which they had represented, and having received a very satisfactory report on the subject his Lordship enclosed a Copy of it to the General

at Batavia

Malacca –

64 We informed you in our letter of the 2d January that we had requested the Vice President in Council at Fort William, to take early Measures for sending supplies to the Garrison of Malacca, But, having afterwards had reason to believe that his Excellency the Vice President in Council would be unable to comply with our application, we engaged the Ship Penang for the sum of 17000 Rupees to convey supplies from hence, and to return with the three companies of Europeans which it was our intention to withdraw from the Garrison of Malacca –

65 We have since then received information from Bengal that His Excellency had forwarded an additional supply of Stores to Malacca; by which the wants of that garrison will have been amply relieved

66 The commanding officer at Malacca having given us reason to expect

that

that a considerable increase might be made to the revenues of that place by permitting him to re-establish the duties which were levied under the Dutch Government, we have given our concurrence to the Measure, but we have at the same time recommended that it should be adopted with caution, and that he should be careful not to render the duties oppressive.

6ly We have every reason to believe that Malacca is capable of the greatest improvement, we are not sanguine in our expectations of being at present enabled to render the Revenues considerable, and we shall be satisfied if they amount to a sum nearly equal to defray the expences of the Garrison.

6th Having directed in our consultation of the College of Justice at Malacca as noted in our proceedings of the 3d May 1796 that no sentence of death or mutilation should be carried into execution, without a report of it being previously made to us, we some time

ages received from the commanding Officer at
Malacca the proceedings of the College of Justice
in two cases of murder of which three Malays
were accused, and found guilty.

69 Our Attorney General &
Solr. Genl. having on a reference to him stated his opinion
"that if we had received no General powers to au-
"thorize execution in the conquered Islands in
"Capital offences, it would be proper to send
"home copies of the proceedings, to be laid before
"his Majesty, and to respite execution until his
"Royal pleasure should be known," we accordingly
transmit to your Honble Court Copies of the trials
a number in the Packet, and we have directed
the commanding Officer at Malacca, to suspend
the execution of the sentences of College of Justice

70 We beg leave to refer you to the
Letters noted in the Margin for a detail of the
steps which we have taken to send supplies
to the Moluccas from Bengal

71 We have at the recommendation

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of the Military Board permitted the agent for
Provisions Leguen to complete the supply of Arrack
required for the consumption of this Presidency
in the course of this year amounting to 40,565
Gallons.—

92 At the recommendation of the
will keep commanding Officer of the ceded districts, under
the appearance of impending hostilities, we
permitted him to entertain a body of one thousan
eight hundred and eleven armed Peons for the
defence of the districts under his charge, at the
Monthly expence of 1742 Pagodas.—

93 We were fully sensible that
on hostilities taking place, the Barramahal C—
would be much exposed to the incursions of
an Armed banditti, and we considered the
additional Monthly expence as trifling & abso
lutely in comparison with the possible chance o
of losing a great part of the Revenue about that
time due from the ceded district and amount
ing to two Lacs and a half of Pagodas.

In Your Secret Consultation of the

Follows N° 249

26th February, Lord Clive delivered a Minute into which his Lordship after taking a general view of the smallness of the force which remain on the Army having taken the field, for the protection of the Presidency and the environs, proposed that the 2d Madras Battalion of Native Infantry should be augmented to 800 Men —

p.5 The principal inhabitants of the Black Town who were from their habits of life necessarily precluded from serving in the Corps of Militia having proposed to levy a Monthly assessment upon themselves for the service of Government during the War, Lord Clive in his Minute suggested the expediency of ordering the recruits who had lately arrived at Masulipatam from Hydrabad, to the Presidency, and of forming them into a Battalion to be denominated the 2d Madras Battalion, and to be paid by the Subscription of the Natives —

76 Agreeably to his Lordships

Recommendation

recommendation we gave orders for augmenting
the Madras Battalion

77 It having been afterwards
suggested that it would be more expedient for the
protection of the Northern Circars to form the
Hydrabad recruits into a Battalion to be called
the Masulipatam Battalion, we resolved that
Six Companies of Native Infantry composed of
one hundred Men each, should be raised at
the Presidency and added to the Madras Bat-
talion, to be paid agreeably to Lord Clives sug-
gestion by the subscription of the Natives.

78 Lord Clive having also in his
Minute recommended the raising a Company
of Native Artillery for the service of the Presidency
agreeably to a detailed arrangement which his
Lordship laid before us, we issued the necessary
orders accordingly.

79 The President at Hydrabad
having succeeded in raising between 4 and 500
Recruits from the disbanded Sepoys of M de Bussy

9th to April

Corps, and sent them to Masulipatam we resolved to form them into a Battalion to consist of ten Companies and to be denominated the Masulipatam Battalion.

80 We appointed Captain Crew to the command of the Battalion and directed that it should be placed on the same footing with regard to pay, allowances, and cloathing as the Madras Battalion.

81 In our last general Dispatch we noticed to your Honble Court the further reference which we had made to Bengal on the subject of the paper currency on Ceylon. The Judge Advocate general having been again consulted, (c.v.f. Mad. Mated his opinion that the information with which he had been furnished on the subject was not sufficient to enable him to withdraw the objections which he had formerly urged against the further Issue of 8 per cent promissory notes —

82 We have accordingly informed

his

His Excellency the Governor of Ceylon that we do not feel ourselves at liberty to authorize a further issue of promissory Notes until the objections of the Judge Advocate General shall be removed.

83 Having received information 3rd Lt. Comdg. 3rd Regt. from the Officer Commanding the Northern Division that several canoes belonging to a danish Vessel which had been captured by a french privateer had been landed at Hambegantan and that some of them were desirous of entering into our Artillery, we were induced in consideration of the favorable report which had been made to us of their appearance and orderly behaviour to authorize him to entertain them

84 At the recommendation of Dr. Comdr. in Chief of the Commander in Chief we have appointed the following officers of Infantry to be Cornets of Cavalry in order to fill up vacancies in the Cavalry Corps.

Valentine Blaker

C. A. Temple

J. H. Skinner

M. A. West

William Nelson

John Bier

Samuel Sandridge

R. N. Davidson

86 Having received from the Military
Board a Statement of the Stores required to replace
in the Arsenal in a sufficient degree of resource, af-
ter the large supplies which had been drawn from
it for the equipment of the Army, we transmitted
to Bengal a List of the Stores which it was ne-
cessary to procure from thence and requested
that they might be supplied with as little delay
as possible; and we have desired the Military
Board to take immediate measures to procure
the articles which can be obtained at this pre-
sidency The estimated cost of which amounts
to about 75,000 Pagodas -

86 At the recommendation of the
Commander in Chief in a Minute entered in
our Secret proceedings, we directed the Military
Board

Board to give the necessary orders for procuring at Trichinopoly for the use of the Southern Detachment, tents in different proportions, to the amount of about Six thousand eight hundred Pagodas -

ions 9th April

87 The Military Board having at our Meeting of the 9th of April informed us that the Commander in Chief had Communicated to them his particular desire that early Measures should be taken to provide and forward to some frontier Station a supply of New Tents for the Army, and having Stated their opinion that at that season of the year it would be much more expedient to have them provided at Vellore, than to trust to a supply from the Northern Circars - we Authorized them to accept a proposal which they had received for a supply of tents, agreeably to the rates and proportions specified in their letter -

88 The Superintendent of the Stud in the Garyam desired having represented to us, that it would contribute much to the success of

of the institution of he should be permitted to make some enclosures of ground, we directed, from our Revenue Department that the spot of Ground lately appropriated to a Mulberry plantation should be delivered over to him

89 We have authorized the Medical Board to include in their Annual indents for - Medicines supply of medicine for the use of the Mad -

90 The Vice President in Council at Fort William has communicated to us the arrival of M. de Perron and the french prisoners taken at Hydrabad, and has informed us that - he has made the necessary arrangements for sending the Officers and Men to England as opportunities may offer.

91 The Governor General has communicated to his Excellency, his wishes regarding the allowances to be made to the prisoners, and we have requested that they may be fixed agreeably to his Lordships

suggestion

suggestion

92 You will be informed from our Revenue Department of the commotion lately excited in the zemindary of Kennedy which made it necessary to equip a small field detachment against the insurgents under the command of Lieutenant Colonel Fatheringham, and in order to reinforce his Detachment we embarked on your Ship the Dublin a detail of his Majesty's 29th Dragoons, with two companies of the 2d Battalion 1st Native Regiment and a detail of twenty five men of the Body Guard with their horses, and with a view to enable Lieutenant Colonel Fatheringham to draw a considerable proportion of the Garrison of Vizagapatam into the field, we gave orders to embark for the Presidency all the French prisoners in confinement there, amounting to about eighty

93 Finding that the measures which we had then taken to quell the disturbances at Kennedy were not effectual, we resolved to order Colonel Vigors, commanding the Northern Division

on 5th May

to

to proceed thither and to assume the command of the Detachment assembled there, and relying on the discretion and ability of Colonel Vigors for a prudent and an efficient exercise of the powers vested in him, we gave him a controlling authority over the Districts of Vizagapatam, and authorized him to call for the assistance of the Revenue servants in any way that he might judge conducive to the public interests —

9th We are happy to add that our expectations of Colonel Vigors's success have been fully answered, and that we have been informed by recent advices from that Officer that the disturbances in Vizagapatam are now entirely quelled. —

9th On the 12th April the first division of the fleet mentioned in the letter of the 4th Augt 1780 from the Secret Committee arrived from the Cape of Good Hope under convoy of his Majestys Ships Sceptre having on board his Majesty's 10th and 51st Regiments with five companies of the 84th Regiment and one Company of the Scotch Brigade with

Royal Charlotte Hannibal Thames Alligator, Carnatic and Swift.

about one hundred Vessels for Her Majesty's other
regiments

96 On the 9th May the second Division
of the fleet arrived under convoy of Her Majesty's Ships
Bonaventure, having on Board Her Majesty's 58th Regiment

97 Our apprehensions that Ceylon
at an early period rendered it necessary for us to
make application to Mr North for the conveyance
of His Majesty's 19th Regiment of Foot and for four
hundred of the Coast Sepoys doing duty on Ceylon,
we resolved, in order to replace this force, to send
Columbo as large a proportion of the 51st Regiment as
could be embarked on the extra Ship Cornwallis -
intending to send the remainder of the Regiment
at a more favorable season of the year for making
a passage to Columbo -

98 The Cornwallis sailed from
hence on the 25th April but after endeavouring
without success to reach Columbo or Point de Galle
she was compelled by the violence of the weather
to return to the Presidency -

Orpheus, Dundee, Forfarshire, Dundalk, Thames, Isabella and Crown

Ans 19th April

99 In order to increase the force under the Presidency of Bombay we resolved to embark the 86th Regiment with the two Companies of the 84th Regiment on the Thames Cuffnells and Royal Charlotte, and they accordingly took their Departure for that place on the 10th June -

100 The Military auditor General having represented to us that he experiences great inconvenience from the circumstances of the different Regiments and Recruits who come to this Country not being provided with certificates of the period to which they may have been paid in England, we beg leave to bring the subject under the particular notice of your Honble Court in Order that this inconvenience may be obviated - Mean while we have directed that when certificates of the period to which his Majestys corps or Officers individually, have been paid, shall not be produced on their arrival in India, they shall be allowed to draw subsistence at the expiration of Six Months from

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the 24th of that preceding their embarkation;
and that in the case of certificates not being
furnished to recruits arriving for the different
regiments in India, their pay shall be al-
lowed to commence on the day of their ar-
rival, the Arrears which may in either case
be due, remaining for future adjustment—

101 Agreeably to the original
destination we resolved to embark on the
extra Ships Alligator and Phoenix for Bengal
his Majestys 29th Regiment of Dragoons, and
we ordered your ship the Dublin to touch
at Vizagapatam in her way to Bengal for
the purpose of receiving the detail of the Regi-
ment duty at that place.—

102 We have given Mr. Jacob Del-
bracht late chief at Pulicat our permission
to proceed to Europe and we have advanc
him in lieu of all farther claims twelve
Months allowances from the 1st of January
to the 31st December 1799

Pd. 31st Dec.

103 M. Eilbracht having requ
permission to deliver over charge of the dutch
records at Pulicat to his Brother M.r Zacharus
Lenard Eilbracht we complied with his request,
but having since had reason to be much displea
sed with the conduct and principles of that
Gentleman, we have deemed it necessary to ord
him to England by the Ships under Despatch
and we have also resolved to imbark for En=
gland Mess.rs Symon Jan de Breuyn, and F. E
Van Lawick Van Robit, inhabitants of Pulicat,
whose conduct likewise has been offensive.—

104 We received a letter from
Brigadier General de Meuron stating his claim
to a compensation for the duties, which he
had executed as President of the Committee
appointed to investegate the Revenues of Ceylon.—

105.th In consideration of the zeal
and alacrity manifested by Brigadier General
De Meuron in undertaking at our request this
laborious and useful enquiry, foreign from his
own

own proposition, we should have had no hesita-
tion, if there had been no change of circum-
stances, in complying with his request.- But
soon after the Departure of Brigadier General
De Meuron from the Presidency, we received
the intelligence of the death of Major General
Doyle and it is in the recollection of your
Honble Court that we availed ourselves of that
opportunity as well to give the greatest degree
of efficiency to the Authority of Brigadier -
General de Meuron as to reward his extraor-
dinary labours by appointing him to the Com-
mand of London with the Staff allowances of a
Major General.-

106 In our remarks on the
report of the Committee we have already com-
municated to your Honble Court our sense of
the merits of Brigadier General De Meuron in
the discharge of the duties which we had com-
mitted to him in the Island of Ceylon, you
will be sensible therefore that we required no
inducement

indowment is below a reward adequate to our sense of the General's services, but having already granted him the allowances of a General Officer on the Staff, we do not feel ourselves at liberty to comply with his further request without your sanction.

107 In consideration however of the particular circumstances under which General De Meuron's journey to Ceylon had been undertaken, we resolved to reimburse him in his travelling charges amounting to five thousand one hundred and Ninety four Pagodas.

108 We received from Messrs. John Adamier and Charles Baker, Attornies to Sir John Cox Hippesley, an application for the reimbursement of certain charges said to have been defrayed and of some losses incurred by that Gentleman in his situation of Paymaster at Tanjor at the conclusion of the War of 1780.—

109.— In the accounts of Sir J.— Hippesley had been brought under the Department of Audit, discussed and finally adjusted for the long

long period of nearly twelve years we not only fell
the full inconvenience which we have repeatedly
stated to your Honble Court of receiving claims of
so remote a date, but the very demand itself under
the circumstances above stated appears so question
able, that we resolved to reject the application,
and we accordingly beg leave to refer you to the differ
ent papers entered on our proceedings.

III Having received repeated testimo-
nies of the merits of Mr Benjamin Heyne, the
Superintendant of your Botanical gardens at
Bangalore, we directed that his medical qualifi-
cations should be submitted to the examination
of your Medical Board

III In consequence of a very satis-
factory report from them and from the great
want of Medical assistance on the establishment,
we were much disposed at the same time to
reward the services of Mr Heyne and to procure
a useful addition to the Medical establishment
by appointing him an assistant Surgeon, until
the pleasure of your Honble Court should be known

Adverting

Adverting however to your orders relative to appointments of this nature, we have ordered him to do the duties of an Assistant Surgeon, and have granted him the usual allowances. –

112 For the reasons therefore above stated we recommend that your Honble Court should grant Mr Hayne the appointment of an Assistant Surgeon on this Establishment. –

113 Mr James Fellowes who left the Cape of Good Hope in charge of the sick of his Majesty's 24th Regiment under expectation of employment at this Presidency, was recommended to our notice on his arrival by the Medical Board, who pointed out the particular circumstances of his claim and situation – In consideration of which, we have authorized him to be employed as an Assistant Surgeon westward until your pleasure shall be known – And as he is stated to be of respectable character, and professional qualification, the experience which he will have acquired in this Country will be an additional motive with your Honble Court

for appointing him an assistant Surgeon —

114 We enclose a Return on the printed Corps heads of the Military Establishment and Analyses for the year 1798 by the original having been lost by the capture of the Despatch packet

115 We also enclose the proceedings of different Courts Martial transmitted to us by the Judge Advocate General for the information of your Hon'ble Court

116 In our Letter of the 19th February 1798 we informed your Hon'ble Court of the reasons which had induced us at the particular recommendation of the Commander in Chief to appoint Captain J. Scott to be Judge Advocate General at this Presidency and we submitted to your consideration the expediency of granting an allowance adequate to the rank and responsibility of that situation

117 Previous to the march of the army from the Presidency Lieutenant General Harris again brought before us the subject of the Judge Advocate Generals allowance, and contrasted it

with the

with the services which he expected from Captain Lieth, in so strong a manner, as added to the General urgent recommendation, has induced us to anticipate your decision on their present, and to grant the Judge Advocate General the Allowances of a Lieut. Colonel in the Field —

The Military Board having informed us that Mr. Bowie had nearly completed the additional number of tents for which as we have stated in our letter of 2d. January last had authorized them to enter into engagements, and having recommended to us an extension of the contract to the 30th. of April next, in consideration of Mr. Bowie having been put to a considerable expense in the purchase of an additional Number of Materials to enable him to answer the Pressing demands upon him, we have as a recompence for that Gentleman's zealous exertions complied with their recommendation and have authorized them to enter into engagements for such Number of tents as may be necessary for the public Service —

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119 The Government of Batavia having

mss 11th June to of Colons 25th June

deputed a Mayor in the Dutch Service, with powers to negociate a release of the Dutch prisoners in our hands, we have been induced, in order to procure them from a considerable expence to comply with their solicitation, and have permitted the prisoners amounting to about one hundred and fifty to embark for Batavia; and we have requested the Government of Batavia, who will be at the whole expence of their removal, to send us an acknowledgment for them, as they will still be considered prisoners of War until a regular exchange may have taken place -

Colons: 21st May

126 Having in consequence of our advertisement for proposals to cloath the Army by contract for 1799, 1800 received the proposals inserted in our proceedings, we referred them to the Military Board for their examination and report. -

11th June

121 The Military Board reported for the reasons stated by them that the offer of

of Mr Lyle was the most eligible, and as we have great reason to be satisfied with the manner in which that Gentleman has executed his engagements during the two Preceding years, we have again entered into engagements with him for the following contract —

122 Having transmitted to the Military Board, as noticed in our Revenue Department consultation of the Saltpetre manufactured by Mr Benjamin Heyne, and desired that it should be analysed with particular care, with a view to the manufacture of Gun powder, we received from them a very satisfactory account of the experiments which has been made — The Military Board however requested that we would defer any final determinations on the subject, until they might have an opportunity of ascertaining its qualities for making Gun powder comparatively with the Bengal Saltpetre —

123 We transmit certificates of the Ordnance Muskeby and Military Stores landed

at this Presidency from your Ships the Dublin, Walpole, Royal Charlotte, Thames, and Cuffnells

124 In addition to the arms and stor consigned to this Presidency or your Ships the Royal Charlotte, Thames, and Cuffnells, we deem = ed it expedient under the urgent pressure of the occasion to land a considerable part of those consign = ed to the Presidency of Fort St. Davis; and we have forwarded the same under the Bengal an the ex ba Ships Alligator, Thames and Coverdale.

125 At the recommendation of the Governor General we appointed his Lordships aid de Camp, Major Bratson, an officer whose merits are well known to your Honble Court, to be Surveyor General to the Army on the pay and allowances of Lieutenant Colonel, with the horse allowance of the General Staff -

126 We appointed Mr. Hawkins the Pay = master at Trichinopoly, Paymaster and commissary of provisions to the Southern detachment; and in consideration of the extensive duties allotted to him, we permitted him to draw an addition to his

allowances

allowance, an allowance equal to that enjoyed by the Pay-
master to the Nizam's Detachment.—

127 Having permitted Mr George Perry
to proceed to England for the recovery of his health, we
have appointed Mr George Buchan to be Sub Secretary
in the Military Department of Government—

128 Mr Thomas Scott Jackson having
requested permission to resign the appointment
of Paymaster and garrison storekeeper in the Baro-
mahal, we have appointed Mr John Philip Burton
in his room

129 Major General Dundas having
informed us in a late Despatch that the colony at
the Cape of Good Hope much distressed from the want
of rice, we have requested the Vice President in Council
at Fort William to give every encouragement to indi-
viduals to engage in the exportation of that article
to the Cape.—

130 We have in compliance with
an application from his Excellency Admiral Rai-
mier desired that such condemned ordnance stores
of the ships of his Majesty's Squadron as it may be
necessary

necessary to land, shall be received into the Company's Arsenal and disposed of by public auction and we have directed the amount to be credited to the head of Accounts Current London in the Military books of this Residency

131 We have also desired that annual statements shall be prepared for transmission to your Honble Court, in order that an adjustment may be made with his Majesty's Board of Ordnance.

132 The Military Board informed us that they had received the report of the Committee appointed in April 1798 to take an account remains of Ordnance and Military Stores remaining in the Arsenals and Magazines at the Presidency, and that they had found a Deficiency in many Articles and a proportionable surplus in others -

133 As a period of upwards of eleven years has elapsed since the last Account remaining in the Arsenal was taken, it appeared to us impossible to attach responsibility for the deficiencies to any particular person, and we have therefore directed the Military Board, to take the present survey report as a guide to correct the books and returns of

The Arsenal, 30th April 1799

134 We have permitted the Military Board to sell to Mr. Benjamin Roebuck the old unserviceable muskets remaining in the Arsenal on condition that he shall enter into an obligation to export them to the eastern market. —

135 As much inconveniences experienced in the Arsenal from the number of unserviceable stores remaining in the different storerooms we have desired the whole of them to be disposed of or destroyed; and we have directed that in future all unserviceable stores or accoutrements which may be returned into the Arsenal shall be disposed of in like manner, after being examined and condemned.

136 We have at the recommendation of the Commander in Chief as a recompence for the meritorious services of the Native Troops during the late war permitted the families of those who were killed or who died during the campaign, to draw the amount of their family certificates to the end of last June. —

C.O. 18th June

137 — Having reason to believe that Mr. John

John Mackay as appointed a Gentleman cadet on the establishment, the his appointment has not yet arrived, we have admitted him an Ensign on the Establishment until the pleasure of your Honble Court shall be known.

138 We stated in our letter to your Honble Court of the 15th October 1798 that we had instructed the Company's law officers to defend any suit that might be instituted in the Court of Recorder on account of the Sugarah America-Brig's arrival from the bad condition of that vessel, that she may sink and materially damage the port of Point de Galle, we have authorized his Excellency the Governor of Ceylon to dispose of her and to deposit the Amount in his Excellencys treasury until the question of law regarding the property shall have been decided.

139 The weak state of the garrison of Fort St. George at the commencement of the late War having rendered it expedient to take measures for protecting the environs of the Presidency from the insults of irregular horse, we resolved to employ the

Body

Body Guard on this Service as occasion might require
but as it was at the same time of importance that
the Cavalry should go into the field in as complete
a State as possible, we resolved that the Body Guard
should be struck off the strength of the different Regiments to and
that a temporary troop of Cavalry should be raised
for the same purpose to be added to the Body Guard
and commanded by the Commanding officer of
that Corps.——

the It being also indispensibly necessary to appoint a proportion of Cavalry to the Southern Field detachment, but at the same time impossible to detach any part of the regular Cavalry for that purpose, we resolved to raise a temporary Corps for this Service denominated "Montgomery's Corps" from the officer whom we selected for the Command

41 From the well known zeal and activity of Captain Grant and Lieutenant Montgomery, it will be almost superfluous to add that their arrangements were effected in a manner highly satisfactory to us, and we shall have the honor of reporting to your Honble Court the dismissal of the

Corps

Corps be gotten with the other Military arrangements which will be rendered necessary by the late change of public affairs in this quarter

142 Having received a letter from the
Governor General in Council informing us that his
Lordship had conformably to the instructions of your
Honble Court, introduced the regimental use under the
Bengal Presidency and recommending to us the adop-
tion of a similar measure on our Establishment as far
as might be practicable under present circumstances
we requested the Commander in Chief to lay before us
1st May plan for carrying it into effect in the Corps of Cavalry,
Mr Hare which we adopted on the principles of the plan
submitted to us by Lieutenant General Hares -

143 As the Army was then under or-
ders to take the field, we did not deem it expedient to
make any change in the system of promotion in
your Infantry Establishment, and we have with
the entire concurrence of the Governor General, resolved
to postpone this part of the arrangement until the
return of the Commander in Chief to the Presidency

144 We stated to your Honble Court in our

Letter

[illegible] of the Company that we had embodied the Militia, and we have great satisfaction in adding that by the labor, zeal, and talents of Major Farwell, and of Captain Brown the regular Officer the Black Town Militia, has in the short space of Six Months from its incorporation been brought to a state of discipline beyond our most sanguine expectations, and which at a late review of the Corps by the Governor General drew from his Lordship the expression of his warmest approbation –

145 We have since the conclusion of the war incorporated with the 1st Madras Battalion the Corps which we informed your Honorable Court had been raised, clothed, and accoutred by Mr R Chase. —

2d May

146 His Excellency the Governor of Ceylon having concurred in our recommendation for bringing to a close the Accounts between this Presidency and the Departments of his Government the necessary measures have been accordingly adopted for an entire separation of Accounts –

147 We are concerned to inform you that the waggons which were constructed to facilitate the transportation of the battering train, agreeably to Mr Roebuck

Reebuck's plan, it very failed during the March of the Army
and were condemned.

1811 — Lieutenant Charles Lallas obtained leave
Dec 25th June to Hydrabad to purchase two hundred horses, but my recent
this Service to the entire satisfaction of the Commander in C
we have granted him the same salary as was drawn by Lieu
tenant Forbes on the same situation.

1849 We permitted Lieutenant Colonel Sch
9th July Corp of the Cavalry to proceed to England on your Armed
ship Cornwallis and we beg leave to explain to your Hon
Court that Colonel Cox was compelled to quit this country
at that particular period in consequence of extreme ill he
We permitted Mr. James Sclater a Surgeon on the Es
tablishment to return to England on the Cornwallis on furlough
1850 Lieutenant Colonel James Craw having
been compelled by extreme illness to proceed to Europe, w
permitted him to embark on the Extra Ship Sarah Christy
1851 Lieutenant Colonel Craw was charge
with the Right Honble the Governor Generals Despatches b
that Ship, and we beg leave to point him out as an offic
whose high Military character, zeal, and services, recom
mend him to the most favorable notice of your Honble Court.

152 We have permitted Captain Robert Ridge, Captain Ridgeway Manly, Captain Charles Ram Lieutenant John Evans, Lieutenant Henry Bowdler and Lieutenant Maurice O'Connel, of the Infantry, Lieutenant Wibb Stone and Lieutenant Charles Craigie of the Artillery, to proceed to England by the Ships under Despatch, on such certificates, and we have permitted Lieutenant Colonel Elisha Trapaud of the Engineers to proceed to the Cape or eventually to Europe for the recovery of his health -

153 We have permitted Mr. John Briggs and Mr. Valentine Conolly of the Medical Establishment to return to England on furlough, and we have much satisfaction in pointing out the services of those Gentlemen to the favorable notice of your Hon^ble Court - The former served as Head Surgeon on the Island of Ceylon untill the change of Government, and the latter served during the War as Staff-Surgeon to Head Quarters, the duties of which he has executed in a manner to deserve the approbation of his Superiors -

ms 21st May
ms 2d July

154 The following casualties have happened in your Army since the date of our

List of Despatches -

Captain Lieutenant James Logan	Infantry
Captain Andrew Boyd	Do
Lieutenant John Leigh	Do
Lieutenant R G. McMillan	Do
Lieutenant H C Jones	Do
Captain Thomas Stevenson	Do
Captain Charles Simpson	Do
Lieutenant Willis Hull Gordon	Do
Major Colin Campbell	Do
Lieutenant James Bruce	Do
Lieutenant Josiah Maynard	Do
Captain Alexander Denton	Do
Lieutenant John Fish	Do
Captain Henry Smith Cosby	Do
Lieutenant Thomas Cookesley	Artillery
Lieutenant Colonel Thomas Parr	Infantry
Lieutenant M H Cormick	Do
Captain John Jourdan.	Artillery
Lieutenant Robert Barclay	Infantry
Lieutenant Colonel John Murray	Cavalry
Colonel Robert Sale	Infantry

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Lieutenant John Butler _____ Invalid

Lieutenant Daniel Venables _____ Infantry

Lieutenant Benjamin Marsden _____ Do

Lieutenant Dugald Campbell _____ Do

Lieutenant Colonel J. Tindal Evans _____ Do

Cornet Duncan Grant _____ Cavalry

Ensign Richard Haycock _____ Pensioner

Lieutenant T. C. Mullas _____ Infantry

Lieutenant Henry Williamson _____ Cavalry

Major Donald Mc Donald _____ Infantry

Cornet R. Dawson _____ Cavalry

155 We have the honor to enclose for your information accounts in continuation of Money issued to French and Dutch Prisoners of War from 1st May 1798 to 31st January 1799, the former amounting to Pagodas 39953. 34. 56. the latter to Pagodas 7960. 1. 73.

156 We have also the honor to enclose two statements of Disbursements by the Civil Pay Master General to French and Dutch subjects from 1st July 1798 to 31st January 1799, the former amounting to Pagodas 12673. 5. 10. and the Disbursements on account of the latter to Pagodas 3291. 3. 12.

157 We have the honor to inclose Copy of a Statement of the number of boys in the Male Orphan Asylu with explanatory remarks on the state of that Seminary

158 We inclose the annual indent for m dicines required for this Establishment for the year 1800, and we also forward the proceedings of the Medical Bo in continuation from 20th January 1798 to 20th June 1799.—

159 We have permitted M.r Brickhaus Conductor of Stores to resign your service in which he ha been employed for a period of twenty two years.—

160 We have been induced at their ear nest request, to allow Mess.rs C. L. Elbracht de Bruyn an Van Pabst, to proceed to Batavia, instead of Europe whi it was our intention, as noticed in a former paragrap of our letter, to have sent them.—

161 Having received from the Medical Cons 2. July Board a favorable report of the professional qualifica -tions of M.r Gilbert Briggs, we have agreeably to the -ders of your Honble Court admitted him an assistan Surgeon on the Establishment.—

162 We have at the recommendation o Cons 2 July the Commander in Chief appointed M.r Alexander Anderson

Anderson Head Surgeon of Seringapatam —

163 We have the honor to enclose accounts in Duplicate of Military Stores supplied by our order for the use of his Majesty's Ships on this Station

164 The certificates of pay and furlough of officers proceeding to England are enclosed in the packet. —

165 We have received from the Chief Engineer a Survey of the Operation of the Army before Seringapatam during the siege, comprehending a plan of the attack and Section through the Breach, transmitted to him by Colonel Gent the Senior Engineer with the Army, which we have the honor to forward to your Honble Court accompanied by Copy of an explanatory letter from Colonel Gent. —

166 We send in the packet a list of your officers on this establishment with the promotions and appointment brought up to the 30th Ultimo and a general monthly return of his Majesty

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and the Honble Company's troops on the Coast —

167 We enclose Statements of the advances which have been made on account of passage Money to the officers of his Majesty's and the Company's Service, as well as to the prisoners of War, of whom a separate list is enclosed, proceeding to England by the Ships under Despatch. —

168 Being satisfied that it was not the intention of your Honble Court to give by orders of the 5th December last a retrospective force, we have permitted Captain Hercott of his Majesty's 33d Regiment under the particular circumstances stated in his memorial for which we beg leave to refer you to our Minutes, to draw the passage Money of his rank —

169 We have had the honor to receive your Dispatch of the 13th March, to which we shall reply by a future opportunity. —

170 We are sorry to acquaint your Honble Court with the death of Colonel Dale, who has served the Company for a period of nearly 35 years

years and we are concerned to add that his family has been left in very indigent circumstances -

171 We think it our duty to enclose a number in the packet Copy of a letter on this subject from the Commanding Officers of the Troops in the Carnatic; and have no doubt that the long Services of a Gallant old Soldier will obtain from your Honble Court a compassionate consideration for the destitute condition of his Son -

172.- In our letter of the 16th May we had the honor to attract the notice of your Honble Court to the Merits of the gallant army which had atchieved the conquest of Seringapatam and to recommend it to your applause and gratitude..

173 We have since received a letter from the Commander in Chief, in which Lieutenant General Harris states in a particular manner the eminent Services, during the late glorious campaign, of the Officers on the General Staff of the Army, those composing the confidential Staff of the Commander in Chief, and those whose good

abilities

a ready, and certain hand been distinguished an aid of the instruments to which they were not officially attached -

174 The Commander in Chief in stating the meritorious conduct of the Adjutant General Lieutenant Colonel Close, has expressed his earnest wish that his sentiments respecting that officer might be publicly recorded with a firm conviction that if the Success of the Army had been of importance to the British Interest that Success was to be attributed in a very considerable degree to Lieutenant-Colonel Close -

175 From the officers more immediately in the family of the Commander in Chief he derived all the assistance which he had reason to expect, and Lieutenant General Harris therefore recommended to our notice in the strongest manner Lieutenant Colonel Agnew and Captain Macaulay who had been selected for his confidential Staff -

176 Lieutenant Colonel Dallas estab-

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blished the strongest claim to our approbation by his personal and effectual exertions in forwarding and superintending the two important departments of Bullocks and Stores. –

177 The Commander in Chief also commended the conduct of Lieutenant Colonel Richardson and Major Allan the Quarter Master and Deputy Quarter Master General of Captain Robert Turing who had ably assisted Lieutenant Colonel Close in the adjutant General's office, of Captain Cox of the Guides who had merited great praise by judgement, diligence and activity, and of Captain William Macleod of the intelligence Department who had also been entrusted with the Superintendance of the Camp Bazars in which that officer had manifested the strictest integrity and a very extensive knowledge of the customs of India –

178 The conduct of the adjutant General, Lieutenant Colonel Close, amply justifies the implicit confidence reposed by us in his

extensive

extensive knowledge approved experience, superior
talents, ardent valour, and indefatigable activity

179 The uniform zeal, perseverance
and fortitude, with which Lieutenant Colonel
Close has exerted all these great qualities in
every trial of difficulty and danger, entitled
him to our praise, respect, and esteem. and
we feel ourselves bound by every obligation of
justice and public duty to recommend the
extraordinary merits of Lieutenant Colonel Clos
to the particular approbation of your Honble Court
and through you to the applause and Gratitude
of his Country —

180 The selection, which the Com-
mander in Chief had so judiciously made of
Lieutenant Colonel Agnew and Captain Mc-
cauley for his confidential Staff was confirmed
by us with a just expectation that Lieutenant
General Harres would derive considerable
advantage to the public Service from their
able assistance, and the result enables us to

recommend

recommend those distinguished officers to the most particular favor of your Honble Court -

181 We were happy to record a public acknowledgement of the meritorious conduct of Lieutenant Colonel Dallas, and to assure that officer that we had a just sense of the important services, which he had rendered in his successfull Superintendance of the laborious departments under his Charge -

182 It was very satisfactory to us to remark that the conduct of the Quarter Master-General's Department under Lieutenant Colonel Richardson and Major Allan, and that of the Department of guides under Captain Orr had met with the approbation of the Commander in Chief; and on this occasion we thought it proper to publish to the army the particular thanks, which we had already directed the Commander in Chief to convey to Major Allan and

Captain

Captain Orr for the essential Service rendered on the 27th. March last, and for which we recommend these officers to the particular notice of your Honble Court. —

183 We were also happy to concur in the Honble testimony borne by the Commander in Chief to the merits of Captain Turney and Captain Macleod and directed that our thanks might be conveyed to the whole of these Meritorious officers —

184 In all ranks and degrees of the allied army we observed with sincere pleasure a general Spirit of harmony and concord, which (under the happy auspices of the Commander in Chief) united every heart, head, and hand in the common cause, signalized each progressive operation of the Campaign with a peculiar Character of alacrity and order, and crowned its early conclusion with victory,

Triumph and renown.

185 Lieutenant Colonel Alexander Read whose Services are well Known to your Honble Court was employed during the early part of the campaign in Collecting Supplies for the use of the Army a Trust for which he was peculiarly qualified by his experience in the former War, as well as by his indefatigable zeal and industry in the public Cause.

186 After the fall of Seringapatam Lieutenant Colonel Read was intrusted with the Military Command over the districts of Bangalore, and with the management of the Revenues of that province

187 Lieutenant Colonel Read, who had at the Commencement of the War resigned his Situation as Superintendant of the Baramahal took the opportunity of the establishment of a Separate Government in Mysoor under the Rajah, to

request

Diary to Consult.
9th January 1799.-

request our permission for the resignation of
his several employments, a measure prep
ratory to his embarkation for Europe. -

188 Although we sincere
regretted that Lieutenant Colonel Reads
desire of quitting India should depri
us of his able and zealous assistance
at the important period of introduci
an arrangement for the provinces lately
subject to the Company and to the
Rajah of Mysoor, yet, under the circum
tances stated by Lieutenant Colonel Rea
we could no longer withhold our conse
to his resignation -

189 The uniform zeal, a
ability, and integrity, which have di
tinguished the Conduct of this offic
the valuable information which ha
been acquired by his labours, and
the essential Services which he ha
rendered to the Company have been
so frequently and invariably the s

Subject

subject of public approbation, that it only
remains for us to express our sense of the
loss, which this Government is about
to sustain by his departure, and to add
to the numerous testimonies of his in-
defatigable and honorable exertions for
the public good our own sense of his
highly meritorious Conduct throughout
the late war with Tippoo Sultan -

190 We have at the request
of the Commander in Chief transmitted
to your Honble Court a sketch of the
marches of the Division of the Army
under the command of Major General
Floyd, executed by Captain Orr who
acted as Deputy Adjutant General to
General Floyd's Division -

191 We have embarked
on the Cornwallis, Thetis, Worcester, and
Walpole, as Charter Party Passengers for
England the discharged men of the King's

and

and Company's Service for England Lists of whom are sent
the Packet with their Obligations -

192 By this conveyance we
forward a compleate set of our Proceedings in
the Military and Political Departments for
the year 1798 with the Broken set from the
2d October 1798, to the 23d July 1799 -

We have the honor to be
with the greatest respect
Honble Sirs
Your faithfull
humble Servants
(Signed) Mornington
Clive
Wm Petrie
E. Wm Falkofield

Fort St George
13th August 1799 -

Ex.d
Wm Strange

Military Department

The Hon^ble the Court of Directors for affairs of the Hon^ble the United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies.

Honourable Sirs

Para 1st. In our address to your Hon^ble Court of the 13th August last, we had the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your dispatch of the 13th March, and we have since had the honor to receive your dispatch of the 29th of May last.

Answers to letter of the 13th of March.

Para 1st. date of last advices — 2 Needs no reply

Para 2. 3. & 4 Pay of Officers on furlough 3 These paragraphs have been published in general orders.

Para 5th Officers permitted to return on the establishment 4 The Officers mentioned in this paragraph have according to your orders been admitted on the Establishment.

Para 6, 7 & 8 Officers to relieve — Assistant Surgeons & Cadets appointed — 5 These paragraphs require no particular observations.

Answered

Answers to Letter of the 29th of May.

Para 1st. date of last advices } 1. Needs no reply.-

Para 2d. Officers permitted to return } 2 These Officers have been Admitted accordingly on the Establishment.-

Para 3, 4 & 11 Chaplain & Assistant Surgeon approved } 3 These paragraphs require no particular answer.-

Para 5th Balance of Mr. Booths effects paid in England } 9 The necessary orders have been given for carrying into effect the instructions of your Honble Board respecting Mr. Booths property.-

Para 6th Death of General Pemberton Para 7th a Chaplain appointed } 10 These paragraphs require no answer.-

Para 8th Plan for supplying recruits.- } 11 We shall pay every attention to your orders on this Subject.

Para 9th Doctor Gahagan to have a provincial seat at the Medical Board } 12 Doctor Gahagan has been appointed to a seat at the Medical Board agreeably to your Orders.-

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Para 10th Advance of £100 to Lt Sheridan on his bond } 13 The necessary orders have been given for the recovery of the amount of Lieut Sheridan's bond.

Para 11th Cadets to embark on China & Bombay Ships. Para 12th Capt. Norris Plans of Fortifications } 14 Require no answer.

15 In our Address to your Honorable Court from the Secret department of the 13th August last we stated our General views our disapprobation of the delay of Lieutenant Colonel Brown in effecting a junction with Lieutenant Colonel Read for the purpose of advancing with the Supplies for the Army which had been collected by Lieutenant Colonel Read in the Baramahal.

16 At the recommendation of the Governor General we directed Lieutenant General Caruac to Compare the movements of the Southern Detachment with the Plan of Operation which he had laid down, and to transmit us with his Observations on the Conduct of Lieutenant Colonel Brown.

16th Consult 5th June

17th The Commander in Chief stated that his instructions

Consult 6th Augt instructions to Lieutenant Colonel Brown of the 25th of
February were necessarily general and formed on the
Idea that the Southern Detachment would be enabled to
advance into the enemies Country early in March, but
as unforeseen Circumstances has retarded its Advance
until April, the Assistance & Concert and Cooperation with
Lieutenant Colonel Lee which had been pointed out to
Lieutenant Colonel Brown as measures of the first
importance, should then have become the only objects of
his attention.

18 Lieutenant General Harris had felt reluctant
to record a public censure on an Officer of Lieutenant Colonel
Browns Rank and merit but Lieutenant Colonel Brown
had in his opinion acted with inattention to the Spirit of his
instructions and to the Sentiments of Lieutenant Colonel
Read with whom he was directed to cooperate for the
general Service.

Consult 4th Sept. 19 At our Consultation of the 4th of Sept.
the Governor General proposed that previously to any
decision on the Conduct of Lieutenant Colonel Brown
that Officer should be called on for an explanation of his
motives. We accordingly Stated to him in a disinct

manner

manner the grounds on which the Governor General in Council intended to consider his Conduct, and directed him to give such explanations as might in his opinion be necessary to a just estimation of it.—

20. Although a considerable period has elapsed, and Altho. Colonel Brown has again been required to state this explanation, we have not yet received from him any justification of his Conduct.

21 At the same time we took into Consideration the Circumstances attending the loss of public Grain in the department of the Commissary of Grain during the late War, and of the Offer of Major Hart to dispose by private Sale to the Company, of a quantity of Grain stated to be his property before Seringapatam.—

22 On taking an account of the grain in Store some days after the Army had reached Seringapatam the deficiencies during the march appeared to be so Considerable that the first impression of the fact was accompanied by a temporary alarm with respect to the State of

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the Public Supplies at this period the Commissary of Grain tendered to the Private Secretary of the Commander in Chief the state of a considerable quantity of Grain. -

23 The Circumstance of an Officer — entrusted with the Charge of Public Grain — speculating as a dealer in that article appeared so entirely incompatible with a faithful and honorable discharge of his duties, that Lieutenant General Harris deemed it expedient to appoint a Committee to investigate the Subject connected with the loss of Grain in the departments under Charge of Major Hoare. -

Consult Orig. 24 The report and proceedings of the Committee, having been transmitted to us by Lieutenant General Harris appeared so unfavourable to the Conduct of Major Hoare, that the Governor General in Council deemed it indispensable necessary to take the most serious notice of it, but previously Consult Orig. resolved to give that Officer a further Opportunity of justifying his Conduct and of throwing any additional light on the subject of the inquiry instituted

instructions under the orders of the Commander in Chief.

25 The defence offered by Major Hare has been submitted to the Governor General in Council according to his Lordships directions for that purpose, and we shall postpone any further remarks on the case until we shall have received his Lordships decision.

Consult 27th Inst.

26 The Commander in Chief having in consequence of the great mortality amongst the Cattle during the late Campaign brought the subject of a Compensation to the Bullock owners under our Consideration, we confirmed the Orders of Lieutenant General Havers for the payment of the hire of the full establishment of Bullocks to the end of the Month of May, and resolved to remit to the Bullock owners that part of the original advance of money which remained unexpended by them on the 1st of May.

Lt General Havers Ord to be Consulted on this head

27 The Commander in Chief having deemed it necessary to review the subject of their Claims, we directed the Military Auditor General

Consult to this Head

to

to Consider the whole Case and to report his Opinion on the expediency of any further indulgence to the Bullock owners, and we received from Major General Applethorpe a very distinct and able report on their Case. —

Consult 5th Nov.

28. The result of the Military Auditor Generals investigation established that a small portion of the owners had derived an immaterial advantage, but that the great body of them had received no benefit from their engagements in the Public Service —

29 Although the owners had failed to give Satisfaction to the Commissioner in Chief in some instances yet considering their general Conduct we were Satisfied that the State had derived the most important assistance from their exertion which it appeared inconsistent with the Liberality of the Company Government to pass unrewarded; we therefore resolved to grant them an additional Compensation of one months Complete hire for the numbers of bullocks Actually engaged in the Service amounting to the Sum of Pagodas ₹ 4,399.

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30) Per Order That suspicious persons might be observed to the whole of the Cutlock, & owners, and to prevent a arrival of their claims at a future period we directed That the final — of adjustment of their accounts should be made under the superintendence of the Military Board, upon principles and instructions with which they were — furnished for that purpose.

Wr to Consult. F. Gen.

31 The extent and inaccuracy of these accounts will unavoidably protract for some time the ultimate settlement of them —

32 At the recommendation of the Commander in Chief we granted to Officers commanding Brigades &c. in the field not being Generals one Aid de Camp & the allowances fixed for those situations by the Marquis Cornwallis during the former war in Mysoor.

To the Mil. Bd. for their opinion

33 On the return of the Commander in Chief to the Presidency Major General Braithwaite was relieved of the command of the troops in the Carnatic, and we expressed our entire approbation of the manner in which Major General Braithwaite had conducted

would be Sept.

much reduced from the period of its last renewal, we directed that the supernumerary men of the 2d European Regiment should be drafted into the battalions serving in China and to Bengal according to your original intention.

37 The Commander in Chief has laid before us a plan for the distribution of the troops under this Presidency into cantonments according to the request which we informed your Honble Board had been made by the Governor General & Lieutenant General Harris has given the detailed orders for moving the different Corps to their Stations.

38 We have submitted a copy of the Commander in Chiefs Minute to the Governor General in Council, and expressed our satisfaction that the assistance of troops which was derived from the Establishments of Bengal and Bombay in the aid of the Subsidiary Corps already in the pay of the Company would render unnecessary any immediate augmentation of our military establishment, but if His Lordship in Council should determine to withdraw any part of the Bengal troops serving on the coast

Coast than actually in the pay of the Company.

41 How Lordship advocates the probable withdrawal of a part of the Native Troops from our foreign Counties and therefore confines the proposed increase to such more limited numbers as would be otherwise consistent with an adequate allotment of Troops to the different stations to be occupied.

42 In conformity to the recommendation of Sir Clive two of the extra corps have been formed into a regiment: and we have ordered two additional regiments of native Infantry to be raised according to the arrangement recommended by the Commander in Chief.

43 In consequence of the augmentation of the Native Infantry on this Establishment we proceed it to be convenient and consistent with justice towards the army at large, to cancel the recent order of the 5th November, by which the Regimental rank had been established: and to postpone the establishment of regimental rank until the promotions arising from the augmentation should be made, and having conceived in the recommendation

recommendation of the Commander in Chief that
a Clause should be struck off, as according by resolved that the following
Officers should be struck off the List
Major Gen.l Clerk
Captain Pat.k Cunningham
Lieut.t John Duncan
" John Carruthers
William Murray
Chas.t Gibbs
Edw.d Brooke.
Gy. F. Forbes
&
P. W. Fraser

4th With these Modifications which are perfectly conformable to the Principles on our Minutes, the establishment of rank by regimental date has been published to the army and will take effect from the 1st of January 1800.

5th We beg leave to point out to the notice of your Honble Court the names of the following

following Officers the period of whose absence does not seem to warrant a positive belief that they have retired from your service, and to request that you will furnish us with your instructions for the continuance or dismission of their names from the list of the Army...

Lieut.t Alex.r Macleod

—— George Lang Junr.

—— Henry Harrison.

&

—— George Spreyt.

27th Augt. 46 During the absence of the Commander in Chief Major General Braithwaite had recommended a relief of the Native Troops stationed on the Molucca Islands...

15th 47 The Commander in Chief having again brought the subject of their relief under our consideration we addressed a letter to the Governor General in Council on the subject, and as the proposed distribution of the troops under this Presidency rendered it impossible for us to detach any part of them we strongly recommended that we might be authorized to embark the Lt.

Bengal

Bengal Marine Battalion for the Service of the Moluccas Islands and expressed to Your Lordships in Council our opinion that it was a measure of so much importance to the preservation of the confidence of the Spice Islands that any expence for the accomplishment of it should be considered secondary to that object.—

48 In conformity to the suggestion of the Court contained in their Letter we directed that no deduction should be made from the family certificates of the Native Chiefs of the Moluccas Islands on account of the casualties which had occurred, and as a further testimony of our sense of the zeal and gallantry of those troops we resolved to grant to the families of those who had died in battle or otherwise the regulated pension of the different ranks.—

49 The Medical Board having submitted to
Con. 26th Nov. us the appointments and promotions which became necessary in consequence of the orders of your Honble Court for the appointment of a Surgeon and an Assistant Surgeon to each Regiment of Cavalry we gave the necessary orders for their being carried into effect.

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50 The Malay Corps serving on the Coast
of Ceylon being entirely transferred to that Island
we directed it to be struck off the list of the Troops
of this Presidency.

51 Having received information that the
Detachment serving in the province of Canara
had preferred a claim to the public property
captured in that province, we informed Major
General Bandy that those who continued to oppose
the Company's Arms were not public enemies but
rebellious subjects and that the orders for a distribu-
tion of prize had been confined to that which was
captured in Seringapatam, we therefore expressly
prohibited any further distribution of prize which
might be taken either within the territories of the
Company or of the Rajah of Mysoor.

52 We were concerned to learn from the
Commander in Chief that two of the Officers
who had been permitted to serve during the late
War with the troops of His Highness the Nizam
were detained prisoners at Gurramcondah by the
Corps under their orders on account of arrears due

to

to the corps by His Highness's Government.—

53 We in consequence desired the Resident a Hyderabad to take the measures which he should judge best calculated to procure their release, and we requested the Commander in Chief to recall the whole of the Detachment of Bengal troops serving with the Nizam's troops.

Con.ª 4.th Inst. 54 The Commander in Chief having submitted to receive the arrears of the army in the Field, from the Subsidiary Force of His Highness the Nizam to their present allowance, and Lieutenant General Harris having since recommended that allowance to the Nizams detachment as a permanent arrangement calculated in his opinion to promote the efficiency of the Detachment, without additional expence, we authorized payment of that allowance to the subsidiary force on the terms recommended by the Commander in Chief.—

Con.ª 6.th Augt. 55 Having received a copy of the Capitulation concluded between the British Government and the Count De Mercan on the 25.th September 1790 we requested Lieutenant General Harris to carry it into effect.—

We

We stated in our Letter to your Hon^ble Court of the 13^th August last, that we had postponed the consideration of the case of Captain Bong and the return of the Commanders in Chief from the Field.

5/ The Commander in Chief thought it his duty to advert to the tendency of those orders for a reversal of the proceeding of the former Committee, which by subjecting that Committee to the necessity of justifying its proceedings inverted the order of reason, justice, and discipline by constituting Captain Bong the accuser of his Judges. Concurring most cordially with the sentiments expressed by the Commanders in Chief on this inversion of principles, we resolved that Captain Bong should still be held to be the accused person, and that an opportunity of offering further matter in justification of his conduct was the only effect intended by your orders. We appointed the following Officers to be Members of a Committee for that purpose viz^t

Major General Ross

Lieu^t

Lieut Col. Dyer
Major Southway Clarke
Major Arthur Goldsmith
Lieut William Castle.

58 At our consultation of the 31st Dec we received the report and proceedings of the Committee, who stated that the matter produced to invalidate the charges against Captain Bong were generally obscure and irrelevant, that no new facts had been produced that no important evidence had been substantiated: The committee also reported that the explain Bong had made of the documents he had inspected seemingly answered objections did not accord with the importance he had attached to them in his correspondence with this Government and in his Memorial to your Honble Court.

59 The committee having however suggested the expediency of a report on the present actual state of the buildings erected under the superintendence of Captain Bong, we directed two Members of the Committee to inspect the buildings and

and we have appointed Captain Bong that he is at liberty to be present at the inspection.

60 Having reason to believe Captain Bong is under pecuniary embarrassments and having received an application from him for relief, without which his family would be exposed to distress we have granted him the subsistence of his rank until the pleasure of your Noble Court shall be known.

64 Your Noble Court will have observed from our political and revenue dispatches of this date the high sense which we entertain of the meritorious conduct of Major Bannerman, who has since obtained our permission to embark for England; and we beg leave to point him out to your Noble Court as an Officer whose distinguished professional merit and above all whose spotless integrity render him highly deserving of your favourable notice.

62 Our President stated that it was on his Lordships knowledge that Major Bannerman previously to his acceptance of the command of the

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Company's Detachment had engaged a passage for
her self and family to England, and that her
Affairs and pressing Concerns dictated the de-
mand of the Commanders of that vessel according to
the usage in similar cases of Disappointment.

63 As this forfeiture had been occasioned
by the just and gallantry with which Major Bar-
nerman, surprised the departure from India at
request of the Governor General and of Lord Clive
He to Lordship deemed it incumbent to relieve him
from the expence in which he had been involved
and as Major Bannerman had anticipated this
ing agreement at the time of accepting the comman
it was in the opinion of His Lordship a necessary
delicacy towards him to anticipate any applica-
tion on this account.

64 We entirely concurred in the sentiments of Lord Clive and ordered the Sum pro-
vided by Major Bannerman, being 2000 Rup.
to be repaid to him.

65 In the course of the Service against
the Southern Polygars the Commander in Chief
said

Copy 19th Sept.

laid before us a letter from Major Bannerman regarding the misbehaviour of the Native Officers and detachment at the attack of the fort of Onjalia country, and as we deemed it indispensably necessary that an example should be made, we request the Commander in Chief to call on Major Bannerman for the Names of those Officers and whose behaviour on service he had reason to be dissatisfied.

66 The Commander in Chief stated that such want of energy had marked the conduct of the whole of the Native Officers at the attack that Major Bannerman felt himself unable to attach individual blame, and under those circumstances it was the opinion of the Commander in Chief most expedient to mark our displeasure at their behaviour by passing them over in the extensive promotion occasioned by the increase of your Native Establishment.

19th Nov. 67 The Military Board laid before us copies of correspondence between the Commanders of

Officers

Officers in Command and the senior Engineer at Tenasserim upon inquiring into the Superintendance of Captain Hannes, in which there appeared so much reason to be dissatisfied with the conduct of that Officer. That we deemed it necessary to remove him from his Station.

68 As it appeared from recent instances under our observation that the regulations in force in the department of Engineers under this Presidency were derived from a remote period of the Companys Government and from circumstances not applicable to the present state of affairs, we requested the Commander in Chief to revise the regulations, in order that others might be framed more consistent with military discipline and with the present state of the service.

69 We informed your Honble Court in our letter of the 2d of January 1799 of the arrangement made with Mr. Bowie for a further provision of Cutty to the extent of forty thousand pagodas.

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Con. 26th Nov.

70 The Military Board having since repre-
sented to us that Mr Bowie had in view to ensure the
fulfillment of his contract, under the pressing exegencies
of the service, made advances for materials considera-
ably exceeding the stipulated number of tents we au-
thorized the Military Board in consideration of the
zeal with which Mr Bowie has invariably evinced
himself, and of the demand for the additional number
of tents to conclude arrangements for a further
supply to the extent of the surplus materials in
Mr Bowie's possession.

71 We have at the recommendation of the
Military Board authorized the discontinuance of
the use of Bell Tents.

72 We have authorized the discharge of the
balance due to the Agents for Spirituous liquors
on account of the consumption of last year a-
mounting to 21000 Pagodas, and have directed the
Military Board to purchase 1,70,409 Gallons of
Arrack required to keep up the general stock.

3 Dec. 73 The Military Board laid before us a

statement

statement of Salt Provisions received by your Hon.
the Free Britons from which it appeared that
sixty two pieces of Beef and twenty ~~six~~ pieces
of pork were deficient of the quantities of each
specified on the invoice.

74 We placed the Store and other Public
departments at Trichinopoly under the orders
of the Military Board, and having in consequence
of a representation from the Commanding Officer
Con[d] 17[th] Dec[r] in Mysoor authorized the disposal of the grain
in store to the extent that may be necessary, we
have directed that separate accounts shall be
kept of the proceeds of the sales until we shall have
received the determination of His Majesty and of
your Honble Court in regard to the disposal
of that part of the confiscated property.

75 The Military Board having recommend
Con[d] 19[th] Nov[r] ed some partial repairs to the Powder Mills at this
Presidency we directed them to take into consideration
the expediency of enlarging the whole of the
Powder Mills and of giving them such substantial
and permanent repairs and improvements as might secure
them

them from the accidents to which they have been liable from their exposed situation.

76 Having received the report of the Military Auditor General on the accounts of the Contractor for Cloathing the Store and Tent Labourers for the year 1797 we directed that Mr Lyst should be called on for the ballance against him amounting to Pagodas 834 – 36 – 13.

In Mr 3d Dec.

77. We published the distribution of the Offreckoning fund for the year 1797 agreeably to the arrangement of the Committee of Offreckonings and directed that the shares should be paid in eight per cent bonds of this Government.

In Mr 29th Nov.

78 The Military Auditor General having represented that he experienced considerable inconvenience in consequence of the head clerk in his Office having obtained a Commission in one of His Majestys Regiments, we resolved to prevent similar inconveniences in future by appointing a Subaltern of your Army to be second Assistant in the Office of Audit in the pay formerly allowed

In Mr 14th Sept.

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principal and the pagodas at the subordinate stations on that account.

83 Your Honble Board are already acquainted with the liberality allowed to Lieutenant Colonel Read in collecting supplies for the army during the late war.

84 We directed Lieutenant Colonel Read to deliver his detailed accounts to the Military Auditor General for examination, and we furnished the Military Board with instructions for the adjustment of Lieutenant Colonel Read's bullock accounts in order to bring them to a final termination and to exclude further demands

Rec.d 19th Nov.r

85 Lieutenant Colonel Read having stated a further application for a table allowance while in command of a separate detachment, we informed him that as the continued opinion that his services merited further compensation beyond the liberal allowances he had received since the year 1792 as Commanding Officer and Collector in the Baramahal we should grant him a table allowance of three hundred Pagodas per

Month.

and 3 Dec.
and 27th Dec.

claim -

86 The Military Auditor General submitted to us a claim from the owners of the Bullocks provided for the Bombay Army under the orders of Major Bannerman at Palamcottah in the months of January and February last, to be placed on the same footing in the adjustment of their accounts as the owners of bullocks employed in the grand Army; and we beg leave to refer you to our Minutes for the mode of adjustment when we adopted.

87 We authorized the discharge of a balance due to the Bullock owners of Pagodas 21,792-36-6, and the Military Auditor General will send a short time hereafter an exact account of the total expence of the bullocks provided for the Bombay Army for the purpose of being transmitted to the Presidency of Bombay.

88 The Military Auditor General stated that he could not be insensible of the laudable zeal which Major Bannerman appeared to have shewn while employed in collecting bullocks, and that his accounts bore testimony to his having

Rewarded

advanced a considerable sum of money on the score of the service from his own finances; we have therefore great pleasure in pointing out to your Honble Court this further instance of Major Bannerman's attachment to the public interests.

89 The Commander in Chief laid before
29th Oct. us a letter from Major Patterson of His Majestys 19th Regiment of Dragoons stating that the Commander in Chief in India had on the 1st of Feby 1790. appointed him to a vacant Majority in His Majestys 25th Dragoons by purchase, but that his promotion had been superceded by His Majesty, and that after having done duty with the Corps for the space of seventeen months he had been reappointed to His Majestys 19th Dragoons with the 6th of March for that period and subjected to refund the pay and allowances he had drawn as Major.—

90 Major Blagrave who was appointed
31st Dec. by His Majesty to the vacant Majority of His Majestys 25th Dragoons having since claimed the difference of allowances due to him

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in consequence of this information we authorized payment of them, but on consideration of the particular circumstances attending the case of Major Patterson we have directed that he shall not be required to refund the advanced pay and allowance drawn by him until the pleasure of your Honble Board shall be known, and we beg leave to recommend Major Patterson's case to your favourable consideration

Bom. 29th Oct.

91 The Commissioners of his Majesty's Council having judged it necessary to increase the allowance to the commanders of private armed ships on which European troops may be embarked, and this Lordship having recommended a similar increase at this Presidency we have directed that the Commanders shall in future receive 10 Pagodas per month instead of 8 Pagodas per diem.

Com. 29th Oct.

92 Mr William Preston having been conditionally appointed by your Honble Board to be a Gentleman Cadet on this establishment we have admitted him on the verification of the facts required.

We

93 We received a representation from Mr. D
Con. 11th Sept. D Marcell stating that he had been appointed by
your Honble Court to be a Gentleman Cadet on
this establishment of Bengal, but that it was
your intention to appoint him to this establish-
ment, & having reason to be satisfied of the correctness
of Mr Marcells representation we admitted him on
this establishment until your pleasure shall be
known.—

94 Having transferred agreeably to the
P. 10th Dec. orders of your Honble Court Mr Richard Jones
from this Establishment to that of Bengal, the
Commander in Chief laid before us a letter from
that Gentleman representing that his removal would
be considered very injurious to his interests and
in consideration of the circumstances stated by
Mr Jones we were induced to recommend to the
Governor General in Council that he may be
permitted to do duty on this establishment
until your further pleasure shall be known
in which his Lordship has been pleased
to acquiesce.

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Gen.l 24.th Sept.r

95 Lieutenant Henry Mason of your Cavalry establishment was appointed to a Lieutenancy in His Majestys Service but permitted to retain his rank in your service until his appointment should be confirmed by His Majesty; but Lieutenant Mason having been necessarily to the late General arrangements called on to declare his finial choice requested permission to return to your Service which has been granted.

Gen.l 30.th Sept.r

96 Lieutenant Colonel Close being promoted to resign the appointment of Adjutant General to the Forces in consequence of his appointment to be President in Assyrian The Governor General in Council appointed Lieutenant Colonel Agnew to be Adjutant General and giving leave to refer you to the General Order published by this Lordship in Council on that occasion.

G.O. 26.th Augt.

97 The Right Honble the Governor General appointed Lieutenant Benjamin Sydenham of this Establishment to be one of His Lordships Aide, de camp on the Establishment in the room of Major Bruton.

dated 1st Oct.

90 We appointed Lieutenant Thomas Manscritt to be Military Secretary of the Commander in Chief, and Lieutenant Thomas Sydenham to be persian Translator at the head quarters of the Army, in conformity to the recommendation of Lieutenant General Harris.

dated 8th Oct.

99 We appointed Lieutenant James Colebrook to be Captain of Guides in the room of Lieutenant Thomas Sydenham.

dated 24th Sept.

100 Lieutenant John Macleane having requested permission to resign the appointment of Barrack Master of the Presidency division, we appointed Captain Mark Wilks to that Situation.

dated 17th Sept.

101 At the recommendation of the Commander in Chief we appointed Mr. William Kerr Surgeon to the Commander in Chief and to the Staff of the head quarters of the Army.

102 In consequence of Captain Sicks appointment to be Assistant to the Resident at Hyderabad we appointed Clement Caulfield Esqr. to do the duties of Judge Advocate General.

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proceed to that Presidency.

6th May 1st Dec.

107 The Commander in Chief in India having permitted Major General Floyd to return to England, we gave him our permission to embark by the first opportunity.

6th & 19th Nov.

108 We have advanced to the Committee for superintending the repairs of the Black Town wall the sum of 2600 Pagodas, to be repaid by the Committee when the remaining subscriptions shall have been received, of which we are sorry to inform you the principal sum is yet due by His Highness the Nabob.

Consult 17th Dec.

109 At the recommendation of the commanding Officers of Artillery we have allowed four Boys to each Company of gun Lascars on the same pay as is allowed to those of the Native Infantry, and we have allowed a Native Adjutant to fifteen companies of Gun Lascars attached to each Battalion of Artillery on the usual monthly allowance of five Pagodas.

in 23d July

110 We granted to the French Officers taken prisoners at Trincomalee the same subsistence as was allowed to the prisoners taken at Pondicherry.

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of consequence rank.

116 The Commander in Chief having expressed himself in terms of the warmest approbation of the conduct of Major Charles Connor in the command & arrangement of which he was placed in charge during the late war was expressed satisfaction in General orders & the honourable testimony given by the Commander in Chief of Major Connors services.

Com.r 23d Augt. 112 Captain Colin Malcolm having represented to the Commander in Chief the distinguished services of two Native Officers of the Company Service Subadar Saunder Beg and Subadar Shaik Tippoo attached to the contingent Force of His Highness the Nizam during the late campaign we manifested our sense of their gallantry and attachment to this service by granting them in addition to their subsistence a monthly allowance of twenty Pagodas and the usual allowance for a palankeen.

by O 29th Dec.r 113 We also granted the usual Salam allowance to Bolt Kistna pensioned Commandar for

for his zealous exertions, which Captain Malcolm particularly recommended to our notice.

114 At our meeting of the 5th November we received accounts from the Officer commanding in Canara of the surrender of the fort of Jumulabad, and we beg leave to refer your Honble Court to the letter from Colonel Sartorius for a particular account of the siege.

115 Eleven Cadets of the Bengal Establishment having arrived in your extra Ship Britannia, we advanced to them the sum of two hundred rupies each to defray their expences.

116 We directed that Officers of this establishment returning from England who may from accident arrive at any of the other presidencies shall be permitted to draw their allowances from their arrival.

117 His Majesty having been pleased to order distribution to be made of the publick property captured at the Molucca Islands we received an application from the agents for the Captors for payment of the value of the Military stores, but we

we did not consider ourselves at liberty to comply without the sanction of your Honble Court, and we therefore beg leave to submit the claim to your determination.

Jan[y] 27th Jan[y] 118 We have to request a further application on behalf of the Capitol of Canterbury regarding the large property at this place we beg leave to bring the subject again under your notice in order that a decision may be obtained on a claim which has remained for so long a period in suspence -

Jan[y] 27th Jan[y] 119 We transmit a Memorial from upper General Officers at this Presidency to your Honble Court, soliciting to be permitted to reside in England without losing the emoluments of their rank.

120 The numbers of General Officers on the Staff being much reduced and some of six years standing to the rank, on the establishment, officers of this rank by being employed to remain in India and at the same time withdrawn from the duties of their profession, are subjected to much inferiority of a very mortifying nature, and are degraded in fact by attaining a rank which should be looked

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upon us as the reward of long and faithful services.

124 We are satisfied that an indulgent consideration of the memorial of your General Officers would be beneficial to your Service, and it appears a just recompence to those who have grown old in the discharge of their duty; on these grounds therefore, independent of the saving which a compliance with their application would produce, we recommend the case of your General Officers to your favourable attention.

122 We have in compliance with application from Hers Excellency the Governor of Ceylon permitted a certain number of Officers of this establishment to remain on the Island of Ceylon in charge of the several departments to which they have been appointed by his Excellency.

123 The Commander in Chief having stated that the variety of objects which had lately engaged his attention had interrupted the proceedings of the Committee appointed to revise the military establishment of this Presidency and it being the intention of the Commander in Chief to embark immediately

immediately for England he proposes that a suitable Commutation should be substituted to constable the expenses

124 With the recommendation of the Governor in Chief we therefore authorized Major General Braithwaite, Major General Lyttelton and Lieutenant Colonel Agnew to be Members of the Committee.

Govt 7th Aug

125 The Town Major having represented the allowances of the 2nd Lieutenant at this Presidency to be inadequate to the unavoidable expences of his situation, we augmented his salary to eighty Pagodas per Month in addition to his Regimental allowances.

Govt 31st Dec

126 We have in compliance with an application from the Commissaries for the public property at Malacca granted them an Open credit of this government for the sum of Pagodas 5059-34-40 disbursed from their fund on account of the expences of the garrison of Malacca.

Govt 12th Jany

127 The Widows of the late Colonel Robert Sale, Lieutenant John Butler and Ensign Richard Caycock, having taken the usual oath of fidelity

qualification

gratification have been admitted on the fund common-
-ly called "Lord Clives bounty," and we have directed
that the widow of Daniel Butterworth late conduc-
-tor of Stores shall be permitted to draw the propor-
-tion of her late husbands pay prescribed by the re-
-gulations for the fund.

126 We have permitted Lieutenant James
Lt. 7th Inf. Smith of your Infantry Establishment to resign
your Service.

129 Lieutenant Smith having requested per-
-mission to resign in consequence of charges of a
serious nature being preferred against him by his
commanding Officer we have directed that Lieutenant
Smith be agreeably to the orders of your Honble
Court immediately embarked for Europe.

130 We appointed Major General Brid-
-ges to the command of the Southern Division of the
Army and Colonel Urban Vigors to the Command of
the Northern Division

131 Colonel Vigors conducted the command
of the Northern Division of the Army during the late
War in a manner highly satisfactory to us, and

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we have been induced to confirm him in an situation for which by his zeal and abilities he has shewn himself particularly qualified, we have in consequence resolved to appoint one filling up the temporary vacancies in the general staff of this establishment which will be occasioned by the departure of the Commander in Chief and of Major General Floyd.—

132 We have permitted Colonel George Roberts Lieutenant Colonel Tho.s Coke, and Major Arthur Gibbings to proceed to Europe on furlough

133 We have had already frequent occasion to speak of the Merit of Colonel Roberts, and the important services lately rendered by that Officer in Command of the Subsidiary force at Hydrabad which have been stated to your Honble Court in our letter from the Military department of the 2.d January 1799 give him a particular claim to your favourable notice.

134 We have also great pleasure in pointing out to your notice the active services and professional merits of Lieutenant Colonel Coke and

and of Major Gibbings who have on every occasion during a long course of service merited the approbation of their Superiors.

135 We appointed Major Robert Turing to succeed Major Arthur Gibbings on the situation of Deputy Quarter Master General to the army, and nominated Captain Frederick Pirie to be Deputy Adjutant General to the Army.

136 We appointed Lieutenant John Maclean to be Secretary to the Military Board, and Lieutenant James Grant to be Deputy Secretary.

137 Having transferred the Charge of the European Register, to the Office of the Adjutant General to the Army, this increased Duty rendered it necessary to appoint an assistant in the Office and we nominated Lieutenant William Shaw to that situation on a salary of 80 pagodas per month.

138 We appointed Major Colin Macaulay to succeed Major Turing on the command of Palamcottah and of the detachment serving in

in that district to which Major Turing was appointed on the return of Major Bannerm. to the Presidency.

139 We appointed Lieutenant Joseph Marshall to be Deputy Judge advocate, South of the Coleroon, Lieutenant Charles Rand to be Deputy to the Corps of Guides. Captain Roderick Dog to be Muster Master to the troops in Mysore and Captain Edward Batchelor to be Muster Master to the Subsidiary force at Hyderabad.

140 We appointed Mr Maurice Fitzgerald to succeed Mr Valentine Conolly in charge of the Lunatic hospital at this Presidency.

Cont d 8th Dec.

141 We admitted Mr Surgeon Pollard on the non-effective list with the pay of his rank, on account of his infirmities.

Cont d 19th Nov.

142 We have permitted the following Officers to proceed to Europe on furlough:

Lieut. Col. H. Thomas.

Major General Joseph Bidcliffe.

Captain Lieut. Thomas Wood.

Captain Canning of Invalid Engineers.

Lieut-

Lieutenant Charles Dallas

Captain John Norris

Captain William Sheppard.

143 The following Casualties have happened since my former dispatch of the 13th August last.

Colonel George Muat Infantry

Major T W. Shipley

Captain John Hall

——— Hadden Abents

——— George Foote

Lieutenant William Barton

——— Charles Drummer

——— C C A Lemaurge

——— John Ramsbill

——— John Slingsby

——— E H Collins

——— Archibald Campbell Ensign

——— G I Cambond

——— John Blake

——— Richard Markland

——— Thomas Acton,

Capt.

Captain Howard Wilmoth Cavalry

164 We have at their own request and in conformity to the recommendation of the Commander in Chief transferred the following Officers from the Infantry to the Cavalry Establishment.

Lieutenant H I Conway

____ James Bugbee

____ Robert Bryant

____ Robert Ormsby

____ Edward Lyne

____ James Grant

____ James Simpson

____ Thomas Boyle

____ Richard Otto Bayer

____ Garrick Read

____ G I Gillespie

____ Charles Hamilton

____ John Smith

165 We have transferred Cornet David Forbes at his particular request from the Cavalry to the Infantry Establishment.

166 We have permitted Captain G Dighton

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formerly an Officer in the service of His Highness the Nabob to resign the command of Sivagherry and to proceed to Europe.

447 Captain Lieutenant Rutherfurd having been sent to Hyderabad to select a body of horses tendered by His Highness the Nizam for the army and Captain Rutherfurd having executed that service to the satisfaction of the Commander in Chief we agree that he shall receive the same allowances as Lieutenant Charles Dallas received when stationed at Hyderabad.

448 In conformity to the orders contained in your public letter of the 5th June 1799 Lieutenant Colonel Wilson has been dismissed from the Company's Service.

449 The Commander in Chief has since laid before us a memorial from the late Lieutenant Colonel Wilson in which that Officer vindicates the justice of your decision against him, claims our attention to his long Military service, and throws himself on the generosity and humanity of your Honorable Court for the means of support, of which he now states himself to be destitute.

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situation of Senior Engineer at the Fort of Tevingapa
tam the arduous duties of which he filled with that
zeal, which has obtained the approbation of the Com
mander in Chief, and we beg leave to recommend
Colonel Grant to your Honble Court as an Officer
who has discharged with credit the duties of the diffe
rent stations he has filled during a service of twenty
six years.

154 The Commander in Chief laid before
us a memorial from Mr. Benjamin Bishop, the
deputy commissary of Stores at the Presidency, requi
-ring advancement in that line of the military ser.
-vice, in which he has so long served the Company
with distinguished zeal and ability.-

155 Having every reason from the unit.
testimony of the Officers under whom he has served to
be entirely satisfied with the meritorious conduct of
Mr. Bishop we have complied with the prayer of his
memorial by promoting him to be a commissary of
Stores, a situation, which he is well qualified to fill
by his Scientific knowledge and superior talents.-

156 The situation of Commissary of Stores
having

having hitherto been confined to Officers holding commissions in your Army, and still being of opinion that it should not be open to persons under that rank, we recommend that Mr. Bishop may be appointed by your Honble Court to be an Officer in your Corps of Artillery; and we beg leave to add that, if your Honble Court should be pleased to bestow this reward on the useful services of Mr. Bishop, we have no doubt that the distinction will be equally supported by his professional abilities as well as by his personal character.

157 We have the honor to transmit accounts in continuation of money advanced to French and Dutch prisoners of war from the 1st. of February to 31st. of July 1799; the former amounting to Pagodas 6,39 5-37-17, and the latter to Pagodas 8,120-7-79.

158 We have also the honor to transmit statements of disbursements to French and Dutch subjects from the 1st. of February to the 30th. September 1799, the former amounting to pagodas 1,2022-5-50, the latter to Pagodas 5,253-11-51.

159 We transmit a statement of Postage money

money paid to Officers in His Majesty's Service.

160 We forward a duplicate copy of the annual Indent of Medicines required at this Presidency for the year 1800, with an annual indent of Medicines for the year 1801, accompanied by an explanatory letter from the Medical Storekeeper.

161 We also transmit a List of unserviceable instruments which we have directed to be renewed on board your Ships the Manships.

162 We forward to your Honble Court the following papers received from the Military Board at this Presidency.

"A Statement of military stores supplied from the Arsenal of Fort St. George and from subordinate magazines at out stations, to His Majesty's Regiments serving under this Presidency from the 30th of April 1797 to the 31st April 1798; with a similar statement from the 30th of April 1798 to the 30th of April 1799."

"A General Return of fire arms and swords in the Arsenal of Fort St. George, in subordinate magazines at out stations, and in use

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with the Corps composing the Army under this Presidency; shewing their numbers and state on the 31st October 1799."

"A General Return of Ordnance and Military Stores, shewing the stated proportion for Fort St George, the quantity remaining in the arsenal, including those received from England on the Ships of the year 1799; and what are required to complete the proportion."

163 We have the honor to transmit for your information copy of the proceedings of a General Court Martial.

164 We forward an Account of Military Stores supplied from the Arsenal at this Presidency to His Majestys Ships from the 1st of May to the 31st of July 1799, accompanied by the original receipts.

165 The Military Auditor General has laid before us for transmission to your Honble Board the annual Statement and Analysis of the expences of the military establishments of this Presidency as they stood on the 30th of April 1799 - The result of the Statement in comparison with that for the year

1797/8

1797/8 is as follows.

	1797/8	1798/9
Establishments	37,93,144"8"77	= 30,54,617"36"3
Extra Charges	8,63,323"14"47	= 17,96,286"33"6
	46,56,464"23"44	= 56,51,104"20"3

166 We beg leave to refer your Honble Court to the letter from the Auditor General prefixed to the Statement for an explanation of the increase of the expences in comparison with the year 1797/8, amounting to Pagodas 994,640-4-73 and for an estimate of the probable expences of the military establishments for the year 1799/1800.

167 We have great satisfaction in transmitting to your Honble Court so distinct a report, and considering the difficulties experienced by the Auditor General in forming the Statement, from the delays which unavoidably happened in the

transmission

transmission of the accounts of the Orphans of the Army and of the Asiatic Detachment the greatest credit is due to Major General Wyndham for having compiled it with so much accuracy, in so short a period.

160 We send on the packet Lists of the General and Field Officers on this Establishment and of Officers posted to corps on the principle of Regimental Rank, with a General Return of His Majesty's and of the Honble Company's troops under this Presidency, and a return of the troops who have arrived at this Presidency in the course of last year

161 The Certificates of pay and passage of Officers proceeding to England are inclosed in the Packet.

170 We have embarked on
your Ships Monstrip, and Marquess
of Lansdowne, as Charter Vessels, for
-dangers for England, the discharge
Men of Their Majesty's Squadrons
-ver of the Kings and Company's Mi
-litary Servants lists of whom, are sent
on the packet with their Obligations.

171 By this conveyance we
forward the Packet set of our Pro-
-ceedings in the Military and Politi
-cal departments from the 2d of Sep-
-tember 1799 to the 7th of January
1800, and the whole set of Gene-
-ral Orders for the year 1799-

We

We have the honor to be
with the greatest Respect

Fort St George
22nd January 1681

Honorable Sirs

Your faithfull
humble Servants
Elihu
George Harris
William Pitt
Wm Fallofield

Military Department

To the Honorable Court of Directors for affairs of the Honorable the United Company of Merchants of England trading to the

East Indies.

Honorable Sirs,

Our last address to your Honble
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Board was dated 27th January last.

2 In the 2d and subsequent Paragraphs of that letter we stated the circumstances under which we had been induced to grant an extraordinary donation to the owners of bullocks serving with the Army, and informed your Honorable Court that we had transmitted the Military Board with instructions for the final adjustment of the accounts, calculated for securing to the individual owners the full proportion of the three, which might be due to them.

3 At our Consultation of the 10th March, the Military Board submitted to us their proceedings on this subject, and Mr. Petrie recorded a minute on which he has brought into a distinct point of view an abstract from those proceedings.

4 By a reference to these papers your Honble Court will observe that the security produced by us for the individual owners had produced a serious impediment to the adjustment of the accounts,

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6 These claims involve two considerations distinct in their nature, first, the reimbursement of sundry unavoidable expenses naturally occurred, and provision for a certain portion of advantages expected by the principal owners, through whose means the internal arrangement of the department had originally been made; and secondly a gratuitous donation secured by private agreement, and founded on custom, to the principal servant of the principal agent, for his services and influence in the general superintendence and regulation of the department.

7 The validity of the principle on which both demands were founded, was fully acknowledged by the inferior owners, but, while they professed their willingness to pay the amount established by custom, they resisted, as exorbitant, the demand which was made against them. On a thorough investigation of this point, the objection of the inferio

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servers would tend to be formed in receiving and unremunerative practice; and we therefore resolved to authorize an deduction from the pay of their Judicial & which themselves presented, amounting in the Lacams on the Bombay side of each Collector, conformable to a rate of percentage, invariably exacted on all pecuniary transactions in this part of India as a consideration for agency in brokerage...

We will reduce to the Amount reserved in the Home Treasury of the Estate principal owner. We were entirely of opinion that to sanction deductions from the pay of public Servants in order to provide perquisite for individuals, would be to revive that system of clandestine emolument and influence which has been the disgrace and misfortune of the Governments in India, and which it is therefore the object of our remedying attention to explode.

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9 Whatever therefore may have been the sanction of practice, or the merits of the individual concerned, we resolved utterly to reject this principle of compensation for his services.

10 In the discussion of this subject, it was manifested that the Head servant of the principal agent had established an undue influence and power, over the whole equipment of the Ballon Department, to an extent which interfered materially with the efficiency of the appointment of the principal agent as well as with the success of the public operations. It was appeared from the highest and most respectable testimony particularly of Lieutenant-Colonel Close, as well as from the evidence of fact, that under circumstances of the most critical emergency, the exertions of the Head Servant had been attended with the most solid advantage to the public service; and that we were much indebted to his abilities for the final success, which attended

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12 We consider the proceedings of your Military Board on this intricate question to have been conducted with a temper of impartiality, a depth of patient enquiry, and a sensitiveness of a management, which are highly honorable to them; and we anticipate great advantage to the public service in the future equipment of our army from the facility, which this development will afford of uniting the public interests with the interests of those who will be engaged as the future efficient conductors of the Bullock Department, under a full knowledge of their requisite, and the security of supplying them.

13 In the 21st and subsequent paragraphs of our letter dated 22d January last, we acquainted your Honourable Court with the circumstances, which had led to a belief that the conduct of Major Thomas Hunt as late commissary of ordnance with the army, had been inconsistent with a faithful and honorable discharge of his duty, and

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we informed you that the defence offered by Major Hunt had been submitted to the decision of the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council. — This decision we have since received.

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Although the whole proceedings on this case, and the admission of Major Hunt himself, unquestionably prove the dishonorable conduct of that officer, we should consider it sufficient to direct the attention of your Honorable Court to the most unusual fact. — The principle of the existing regulation for the disposal of Major Hunt is calculated to prevent the collision of public and private interests, and to prevent an Officer of trust and custody from becoming the possessor of private property of the same description as that of the public: at the same time however that we endeavoured to suppress the malevolent speculations, which had prevailed at former periods in the disposal of grain, we sanctioned a liberal salary of

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six hundred pagodas per month on the princi-
-pal officer of that department.

15 The 39th Article of the regulations
for the conduct of this department provided
for this necessary and important security to the
public. It states that - "It being the principle of
"the present system by Liberal and avowed allow-
=ance to place the department upon so respectable
"a footing, as to leave no temptation to seek for
"unauthorized advantages, the Commissary of
"Grain is not on any account, directly or indi-
"rectly to derive any other advantage or emolu-
"=ment from his situation than the Salary -
"fixed by Government." - On this principle the
Commissary of grain subscribed the whole of
his accounts on the attestation of his honor. -

16 Under these circumstances Ma-
-jor Hart became the possessor of private
grain under the strongest presumption of
infidelity to his trust, but whether this grain
was procured by speculation, or the reasons,

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assigned by Major Hart in possessing himself of it, admitted, the result will also involve a breach of his duty.

87 If ground since was obscure by Major Hart with respect to the existence of this supposed private grain not only during the march of the army to Savannah, but during that interesting enquiry into the actual state of the provisions after its arrival before that capital, occasioned by reports of an alarming deficiency after these reports had produced their effect at that critical period, after the arrangements had in consequence been made by the Commander in Chief, founded on these erroneous reports, and after Major Hart had misapplied this grain to the purposes for which he professes to have conveyed it, he made a discovery of its existence not with any great accession of the causes which had produced this supply, but in an indirect communication

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to the private secretary to the Commander in Chief for contracting the sale of it to the Company on the exorbitant terms of one rupee for each seer.

10 The circumstances of this private and indirect offer having been confirmed by Major Macaulay on a declaration of honour, we have in conformity to the order of the Governor General in Council, suspended Major Hart from the service of the Company until the pleasure of your Honorable Court can be known.

9 We reflect with conscious satisfaction on the liberal provision, which was made for every branch of the army in its equipment for the late campaign; and as an Object was proposed worthy of its discipline and galantry, no care or expense was omitted in guarding the safety of the troops from the danger of defficient supplies. The security of these arrangements

arrangements depended on a great measure on the integrity of the Officers in the principal Departments, and for this provision was made by the allotment of liberal salaries. We have therefore published to the army our detestation of the principles on which Major Hearsey has acted, who, contrary to his Commander duty has availed himself of his public situation to benefit his private fortune under the public embarrassments arising from deficiencies in the army department entrusted to his official care.

20. It has been the Study of your Government in India to inculcate a sentiment of pride in your servants and to substitute a principle of honour in the conduct of your affairs, for the base and flagitious practice of embracing private emolument at the expence of the public prosperity. We conceive it to be our indispensable duty to support this principle of Government;

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and it is essential to the preservation of it that vice and dishonor should be stigmatized by the public indignation. We must recommend in the strongest manner that Major Hoart shall be dismissed from the Company's Service. —

21 We transmit to your Honorable Court a Memorial of Lieutenant Colonel Saxon of the Corps of Artillery stating his claim to the command of St. Thomas's Mount.

22 The late Commander in Chief had deemed it his duty to reject this memorial; and we only transmit it to your Honorable Court in compliance with a general wish of allowing every Officer in your Service an opportunity of appeal. The application of Lieutenant Colonel Saxon is absurd; because the appointment of Officers to situations of trust must depend on public contingencies, and because it could not have been complied with, unless by violating the established

established rule of the service in transferring a Lieutenant Colonel Service from his own to another Corps. He attributed that officers performance on that occasion to request to his grace Commander —

Com.in Chief's Office 23 June Honorable Court was pleased to grant Captain Scott of the Corps of Artillery permission to travel to the Cape of Good Hope, or wherever he thought proper for the benefit of his Health. In consideration of Captain Scott's public and private character, he was pleased that the indulgence of retaining the important situation of Commissary of Stores at the Ordnance might be retained from the Corps of Good Hope only. — Captain Scott having been compelled to continue his voyage to England, his appointment became vacant according to the established practice of the service; and was accordingly appropriated to Major Blanche, an officer of merit, to succeed him.

24 Ordered down to the Presidency with your Permission, Captain Scott Commanded as a right the appointment of Commissary of Stores at the Presidency upon a Statement of two cases, which were not only inconsistent of the general principles of the service, but of the very letter of his own application for leave, and conducted by the word of the law. He therefore left it now duty to convey to the officer commanding the Army in Chief his disapprobation of this conduct, which we considered to be injurious to the dignity of this Government, and we have directed the attention of Major General Byatt more to the fixed principles of the service by which the embarkation of an Officer with an intent to proceed to Europe is and shall be considered to be a vacation of all Staff appointments.

15 On the arrival of Mr. Forbes Cochrane and his appointment to take charge of the General Hospital at the Presidency in conformity

conformity to your orders and the practice of the service - The Medical Board submitted to us a proposed intention of Dr. Hennen to take upon himself according to orders published in the year 1796 the interior management of the General Hospital This proposal not having been gratified by any explanation of the Medical Board, we were under the unpleasant necessity of going out to their notice the causes which had led to the abolition of the system of 1796 and to the establishment of the regulations now in force. We were extremely surprized to observe, that the Medical Board had with the most negligent indifference recommended the revival of a system, pronounced by themselves to have been pregnant with the most flagrant abuse, and had at the very same time recommended the abolition of the very regulations and orders suggested by themselves for the correction of those abuses - The evident intention of this proposal being to

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remove the wholesome checks, which were established in consequence of the discoveries made at the Trial of Mr Maxwell Thomson since was suspended from your service for the abuses above mentioned) are some expressions of disapprobation of the proceedings of the Medical Board, which were calculated to warrant on one of its own members a contract of supply for the Hospital, at the same time with the safe check and control over the conduct of it.

26 It shall be extremely convenient at the necessity of withdrawing your confidence from any of the public Boards, but unless the Medical Board shall observe a conduct more consistent with its own principles and the general integrity of the service, we shall not confine our animadversion to a more disapproval.

27 We have received from His Excellency the Governor of Ceylon certain documents relative to the account of Mr Edward Atkinson of the Establishment, which

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lent to Establish a very unfavourable impression
of that Gentleman's conduct & consequently of your
and Proceedings at Colombo, and referred the investiga-
tion of the Matter, again to the Military Board,
and directed them to compare the Charges of Mr
Atkinson with the practice and regulations esta-
blished for the service under that Presidency

28 The report which now have in-
Com.d 1.st April consequence received from the Military Board leaves
little doubt that Mr Atkinson has inserted false
charges in his accounts with a view to his own
benefit, but we shall suspend our judgment on
the case until we shall have received from his
Excellency the Governor of Ceylon such further
information as is necessary to a final consi-
deration of it.

29 We have received through the
Com.d 10.th Mar. Channel of the Military Board a report from
the Superintendant of the Company's Stud at
Pooneryn, which is highly favourable to the
increasing state of that institution, and being

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sanguine from the zeal and exertion which we have observed in Captain Evans, that the most beneficial consequences may be expected from a liberal support of it, we have concurred in his recommendation for extending the establishment to five hundred mares and Twenty stallions.

30 Having now established the Stud at Gangam on a scale sufficiently extensive, we have considered it unnecessary expedient to discontinue the expence of the Stud on the Island of Delft, and we have accepted a proposal for the purchase of it by Lieutenant Colonel Barbut, which was transmitted to us by His Excellency the Governor of Ceylon

31 Having judged it necessary to place the military Stores at the Stations occupied by your troops in Mysore under the custody and regulations of your officers, we have subjected the whole to the general superintendance of the Military Board, whom we have directed

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directed to consider the subject of the Ordnance Department at Bussora and to suggest such an arrangement as they shall judge best adapted to the Department within the limits of the Royal of Bussora

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32 It is ordered the Establishment of a Storekeeper at Bussora to become necessary, and leave an Order the Military Board to make the best arrangement for that purpose by which it is observed that much delay and expence will be avoided in the supply of ordnance Stores for the consumer Services.

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33 Having the charges incidental to the submission of the province of Seppoo Sultaun, our System of Internal Defence will obviously be affected in a very material degree, and this alteration having appeared to Major General Braithwaite to supersede the considerations, which have hitherto been attached to the post of Bussora, that Officer has accordingly submitted to us his recommendation for withdrawing entirely the

the stores, ordnance, and garrison from that place.

34 The reasons urged by Major General Brathwaite, for which we refer you to our minutes appear to be conclusive; and as the measure is consistent with the most economical appropriation of our troops as well as of our resources, we shall carry it into effect with every practicable degree of expedition

35. We are aware of the high authority on which that fort has been occupied as one of our strongest posts; and of the expences of which have been incurred in the improvement of its defences and accomodations in conformity to that article. But no question can exist that the potential events of the last years have superceded the necessity of retaining that place; and as the new buildings erected under the superintendance of your Engineers are nearly in a state of ruin, the expence of repairing them will only be con

useless.

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34 the Town Major and Barrack

Master having represented to us the defective state

of the accommodations of the Native troops at the

Presidency, we referred the subject to the Mili-

tary Board, and have since authorized the

changes and repairs which appeared to the

Military Board to be necessary, and which

will at a small expence fully provide for

the convenience and comfort of the Sepoys.

35 We have appointed Captain

Alexr Grant to succeed Major Macaulay as

Barrack Master in Mysore; and we have

directed the admissable to regulate the range

of the different Barrack Masters pay in

Conformity, than heretofore, to the range

established for the different Paymasters

under this Presidency.

36 We directed the payment of

field allowances to the troops above the Ghauts

to cease on the 1st of March last.

39 your Honorable Board have been informed by our dispatch from the Political Department that the troops serving on Canara and Malabar have been subjected to the command of the officer commanding the forces on Mysore.

40 Having in conformity to the arrangements made for distributing the troops in Canara and Mysore, predicated it's opinion that His Majesty's 77 Regt. should occupy the fort of Chittledroog, we suggested to the Governor in Council the undoubtedly experience of transferring that Regiment to the establishment of this Presidency. in this recommendation Your Lordships in Council had concurred and orders to the purpose have been issued.

41 We advised your Honorable Board in our letter from this department of the 22d January, of the augmentation which we had found it indispensably necessary to make to our Establishment of Native Infantry.

42 Lord Clive having also recommended to the Governor General's consideration the urgent necessity of a proportionate augmentation of the corps of artillery, recorded His Lordship's correspondence with the Governor General on the subject with the opinion of the Commander in Chief in India.

43 Your Honorable Court will observe from the papers that the deficiency in our Artillery amounted nearly to a whole Battalion; but your Honorable Court will observe that in order to provide for the regular extension of such an establishment, by adding two companies to each of our Battalions of Artillery

44 In this arrangement, which will provide for the deficiency in numbers, we have advertised to your orders of the 25th July 1798, and have ordered that in future the Companies of Artillery shall consist

1 Captain

1 Captain Lieutenant

2 Lieutenants

1 Lieutenant Fireworker

5 Sergeants

5 Corporals

10 Gunners

2 Drummers

70 Matrosses.

45 The two Battalions of Artillery have accordingly been completed to that strength by supernumeraries and drafts from the European Regiments.

46 In the 47th. paragraph of our last dispatch from this Department we informed your Honorable Court of the Artillery which was attached to the relief by the Native troops serving on the Moluccas Islands, and acquainted you with our application to the Governor General in Council for his Lordships permission to employ the Bengal Marine Battalion on that service.

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Ent. 4th March

47 The Governor General in Co-
-cil having concurred in the recommendation we
have engaged two Ships for the conveyance of the
troops, who we hope will embark in the Course
of a short time and we convey if one of his
Majesty's Ships.

Ent. 25th March

48 In conformity to the intention
expressed in our Military Letter dated 22d of
January last the three Battalions of Bengal
Volunteers proceed on their march by land,
Bengal; But being satisfied on a representation
of the Board commanding the Northern Divis-
-ion of the necessity of the Marine Battalion remain
under dispensable the guidance of the Bengal
Volunteers, we have countermanded our orders
and have authorized Colonel Vigors to employ
the services of those corps in the Northern Circa

49 Same Honorable Court have
been informed of the Appointment of Captain
Colin Mackenzie to make a Topographical Sur-
-vey of the territories lately subjected to the Company

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14th Feby

and to the Rajah of Mysoor, and we beg leave to refer you to our Minutes for the establishments which we have allowed to Captain Mackinzie and to his Assistants -

50 According to the importance attached by the Governor General in Council to the survey of Mysoor, we have considered it expedient to extend the scale of Captain Mackenzies survey and to employ Major of Brigade Lambton of His Majestys Service on a superior astronomical survey, being satisfied that from Major of Brigade Lambtons qualifications, the result of his labours will be materially useful to the survey entrusted to Captain Mackenzie and to the improvement of general geography.

51 This arrangement has been approved by the Governor General in Council as well as the salary of two hundred Pagodas per Month exclusive of an Establishment, which we have allowed to Major Lambton.

52 Having directed Captain Mackenzie.

Mackenzie and Lt. Lyon of Brigade Lamatton to furnish detailed plans of their respective surveys we beg leave to point out the Island as highly deserving of your notice they are entered in our minutes noticed in the margin; and has been approved by the Governor General in Con. -cil.

Con.d 1st March

53 We transmit to your Honorable Court a Sketch of the road between the river Wardah and the Town of Soopah communicated to us by the Honorable Colonel Wellesley.

54 As the distribution of the troops in Mysoor into quarters are reduced the Establishment of the Corps of guides, who had been maintained during the war; but being entirely satisfied of the expediency of keeping that usefull corps on an efficient footing, we have ordered that it shall in future consist of three head, five second, and thirty five private guides.

Con.d 18th Feby

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55 The Military Auditor General
25th Feby having recommended the establishment of fence
rails for the occasional movement of Corps
in time of peace, we entirely approved the re-
commendation, and for the more effectual
attainment of the object, we have directed that
the Officers of Guides and all Officers employed
on Surveys shall communicate to the Quarter
Com. 1st April Master General of the Army every circumstance
connected with a knowledge of the country, which
may be material for his information.

56 We received a report from
the Military Auditor General on the accounts
Com. 16th & 21st Feby of Lieutenant Colonel Read which we had
referred to his examination as stated to you in
our letter of the 22d January, and we beg leave
to refer you to our minutes for the orders
which we gave for the adjustment of them.

57 Major General Brathwaite having
Com. 4th March submitted to us an application from Lieutenant
Colonels commanding Corps for the battâ of the

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instruction thereto which the 3rd Paragraph of the letter from your Honorable Court dated 25th Jan 1790, permits us at our discretion to grant, we were of opinion that the liberal Allowances enjoyed by the higher ranks of the Army and the expence to which the Company would be subjected by this allowance rendered it imprudent and unnecessary to avail ourselves of the latitude which you have allowed us on this head.

58 We will have been communicated to your Honourable Court that the army had on the plains of Seringapatam voted a Star and a badge of the order of St Patrick to be presented as a mark of its respect to the Earl of Mornington, formed from the jewels taken at Seringapatam.—

59 His Lordship having judged it proper under the restrictions of the Law, to decline the acceptance of this honourable distinction, the Commander in Chief communicated to us the correspondence which had

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passed on this subject with the Earl of Mornington, together with a general order in which the Commander in Chief announced to the Army the reason of his Lordships declining to accept the Star.

60 For these purposes we beg leave to refer you to our minutes of the 28th January

61 Having received the report of the

6mo 11th March. Committee, whom we informed you, we had appointed to inspect the buildings in the Baramahal erected under the superintendance of Captain Bong of the Engineers, and having gone into a full consideration of the subject, we saw no reason to alter the decision which had been passed on that Officers conduct, and accordingly confirmed the suspension of Captain Bong from your Service.

62 At our Consultation of the 18th February, Major General Braithwaite brought under our notice a violation of the Court's

Authority

Read 28th Jany | Honorable Court to an application from the Commissaries for the public property at Malacca, for payment of the value of the Stores captured at that place of his Majesty shall be pleased to award the condemnation of them.

65 We have already on the most earnest manner brought under the notice of your Honorable Court the subject of the Pondicherry prize money, but feeling the extraordinary anxiety, to which the Captors of Pondicherry have been subjected by this long Delay, we cannot refrain from again pressing the subject upon your attention, with our earnest recommendation that your Honorable Court will in justice to Major General Braithwaite and to the Army employed on that distinguished Service, use such means as you may judge necessary for determining a claim which has remained for so many years in suspence.

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Cont 21st Jany 66 The Lt Commander in Chief
& 4th Feby having submitted to our consideration some
points of detailed adjustment with respect to the
execution of the capitulation of Her Majesty's
Regiment De Meuron and we beg leave to refer
you to our minutes for our resolutions in con-
-sequence —

67 We have ordered that the pensions
of the pensioned Officers of the Regiment De
Meuron who have been permitted to remain in
India, shall be defrayed by the Company until
your pleasure shall be known; but as no
provision is made for this case in the existing
relation between the Crown and the Company,
we beg leave to refer the ultimate adjustment
of the account to your Honorable Court.

68 The other pensioned Officers have
Cont 25th Mar. been provided with a passage to England on
your Ship Charlton, and we have permit-
-ted them under the circumstances explained

in over minded to draw their pay and allow-
ances until the time of their embarkation.

69 We beg leave to point out to
Read 11th March the attention of your Honorable Court an ap-
plication from Mr. Harvey Taylor late Pay-
master in the Northern Circars relative to a
retrenchment in his accounts against the late
Mr Surgeon Addenton amounting to Pagodas
675-4-39, and to recommend that Mr Tay-
lor may be assisted in recovering the amount
from Major Thomas Clerk of your service
who married the widow of Mr Addenton.

70 We have appointed Mr. As-
sistant Surgeon Horseman to attend the
Corps of Engineers and Officers residing at
the Presidency for their Health, and have
granted him an allowance of Captains pay
and batta - and we have granted a simi-
lar allowance to Mr Assistant Surgeon
Thomas as being attached to the Right
Honorable the Governor.

71 We received a representation from the Secretary of the Medical Board, the inadequacy of the Salary attached to that station comparatively with the allowances given to other offices of equal labor and responsibility, as well in Bengal as at this Presidency.—

72 We are satisfied that a Salary of fifty pagodas per Month fixed for the Secretary at the early establishment of the Board as insufficient for the extent and importance of his duties under the general increase of the affairs of this Presidency. We have therefore encreased this salary to one hundred and fifty pagodas per Month.

73 Colonel George Kent having proceeded to Europe, Captain Keith Young of his Majestys 12th Regiment has been appointed to the charge of the Kings Pay Office at this Presidency.

74 We have appointed Captain William

William Heitland to command the Corps of Pioneers in the room of Captain Dawse in conformity to the recommendation of the late Commander in Chief.

75 We have at the recommendation of Major General Brathwaite appointed Captain Blackall of His Majestys 51.st Regiment to be his Aid de Camp.—

76 We have appointed Mr. George Andrew Bam to be paymaster at Masulipatam.

77 We have embarked Hes Majestys 51.st Regiment for Ceylon, to do duty on that Island.

78 The Body Guard formed at this Presidency for the Right Honorable the Governor General under the command of Captain Montgomery, has been embarked for Calcutta in conformity to his Lordships orders

Cont.d 4.th March

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79 We have permitted the Gen-
Cons[d] 6[th] March -tlemen cadets of this Establishment who may
from accident arrive at any of the other Pre-
-sidencies to draw the pay and allowances
from their arrival, to which they would have
been entitled if they had reached their destina-
-tion.

80 It being inexpedient that effec-
tive Officers should be absent from their Corps we have
resolved that the Revenue Battalions shall be
in future commanded by Officers of the Inva-
-lid Establishment.

81 The Chief Engineer laid before
Cons[d] 16[th] March us reports on the works executed at Seringa-
-patam by Captain Norris of the Corps of
Engineers, which we were happy to observe
were favourable to that Officer; but they do
not affect the consideration which led to the
necessity of removing him from his Station.

Cons[d] 16[th] Feb[y]. 82 The Resident at Hydrabad
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communicated to us an application from the Officer commanding the Subsidiary force for an increase of the allowance for his table, and if personal considerations could have influenced us, we should have been disposed to bestow a further reward on so meritorious an Officer as Lieutenant Colonel Dalrymple; but we did not consider ourselves at liberty to increase his Salary under the liberal consideration originally given to it.

83 We have granted the agent for
1 to 18th March Victualling His Majesty's Squadron the usual certificates for provisions supplied by him for the use of His Majesty's 84th. Regiment in their voyage to Bombay.

84. The Widows of the late Lieutenant Colonel Charles Smart and of Captain William Thomas Gerard having taken the prescribed oath of qualification have been admitted on the fund commonly called "Lord Clives Bounty."

89 The following Casualties have happened on your Army since our last despatch

Captain John Campbell ____ Artillery
Lieutenant Frederick Isaack ____ Do.
Captain W T Gerard ____ Infantry
Lieutenant Archibald Campbell ____ Do.
Lieutenant John James Temple ____ Cavalry
Lieutenant John Ponsonby ____ Do.

90 We have transferred Lieutenant Samuel Cleaveland at his own request, and in conformity to Major General Braithwaite's recommendation, from the Infantry to the Artillery Corps.

91 We have permitted Lieutenant Walter Batwell of your Infantry Establishment and Mr Oliver Coghlan Conductor of Stores to resign your Service, and as their behaviour has been highly irregular we shall order them to be embarked for Europe.

92 Having in the distribution of the troops of this Presidency allotted two Regiments of

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Native Cavalry for the protection of the territories of
Con. 1st Apl. the Rajah of Mysoor, are stationed one Regiment
at Sera, and the other at Bengalore; But the
Commanding Officer in Mysoor having represented
that the want of forage, rendered Sera an inconve-
-nient cantonment for cavalry; we have directed
the Honorable Colonel Wellesley to state his opinion
of the expediency of cantoning both the Regiments
of Cavalry at Bengalore.

93 Major General Braithwaite
1st Apl. having submitted to us an application from the
Officer commanding at Ryacotta, for a table al-
-lowance, founded on the extraordinary expence
to which he stated himself to be subjected, we
informed Major General Braithwaite that it was
impracticable to augment the military disbursements
to the extent of the applications which might be
made for table allowance, but as we should
be sorry that an Officer should be exposed to
inconvenience or expence by his appointment to

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command a station within our immediate orders, we should take an early opportunity of relieving those Officers who might be desirous of relinquishing their commands.

94 - The Honorable Basil Cochrane brought under our consideration the circumstance of his situation of Naval Contractor as affected by our resolution for restricting the public Officers of this Government from Commercial concerns, and as the nature of Mr Cochrane's engagements for the supply of provisions to His Majestys Ships in India entirely precluded him from relinquishing them, he expressed a hope that they might be considered in their nature compatible with his appointment of Military Paymaster at Fort St. George.

95 We informed Mr Cochrane that it was impossible, consistently with the principle which we had established, to make any exception in his favour; but expressed to him

the territories of the Company.

90 But as the system which at present prevails in the administration of the Nabobs Government, precludes us from trusting an object of so much importance to the success and operation of Her Highnesses orders, and as the supply of grain by your Collectors would involve duties entirely incompatible with those of an Officer of Revenue, we have directed the Military Board to consider the expediency of entirely abolishing a mode of supply which appears to be defective, and of establishing a system of agency which may insure the supply of grain at its actual price allowing the provider a commission on his purchases. —

99 In the 132d. paragraph of our last letter from this department, we recommended Colonel George Roberts to your most favourable notice, and having —

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permitted that Officer to proceed to England on board
Ship Asia we have expressed in general orders our
sense of the distinguished services of that Officer.

100 We have also permitted Lieut
-enant Colonel Alexander Read to proceed to Europe
on furlough.

101 The uniform zeal, ability and
integrity which have distinguished the conduct of
Lieutenant Colonel Read, the valuable information
-on which has been acquired by his labours, and
the essential services which he has rendered have been
so frequently and invariably the subject of pub-
-lic approbation, that it only remains for us to
express our sense of the loss which this Govern
-ment is about to sustain by the departure
of that officer, and to add to the numerous
testimonies of Lieutenant Colonel Reads in-
-defatigable and honorable exertion for the
public good, our warmest approbation of
his highly meritorious services throughout the

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late war with Tippoo Sultan.

102 We transmit to your Honorable Court a duplicate copy of the Annual Military Statement and Analyses for the year 1799/9 the original of which was transmitted by the last dispatch.

103 We have the honor to for-ward an continuation, accounts of money ad-vanced to French and Dutch Prisoners of War from the 1st. of August to the 31st. of October 1799, the former amounting to Pagodas 21,970-1-24, and the latter to Pagodas 8594 " 37 " 67.

104 We transmit a duplicate of the annual indent of Medicines requir-ed at this Presidency for the year 1801.

105 We transmit for the in-formation of your Honorable Court the Proceedings of three Native General Courts Martial.

106 We have the Honor to for-
-ward a Register of the European Effective
troops, on the Establishment with a general
Return of the troops under this Presidency.
on the 31.st of January 1800.

107 We transmit a Statement of
passage money paid to Officers on His Ma-
-jesty's and in your Service, proceeding to
Europe.

108 We have advanced three
Months subsistence to the Invalids of His
Majesty's Regiments, who have been embark
-ed on your Ships Charlton, and Asia.

109 We transmit a Register of
Boys in the Military Male Asylum on
the 31.st March last.

110 We have the honor to —
forward

forward a Statement of Military Stores received from His Majestys Regiments serving on the Presidency from the 1st of May 1796 to 30th of April 1799 with an account of the Receipts and Issues of Stores from and to His Majesty's Regiments during that period.

111 We also forward an account of Military Stores supplied from the Arsenal of Fort St. George to different Ships of His Majesty's Squadron during the quarter from the 1st of August to the 31st October 1799, accompanied by the original receipts.

112 The Certificates of Pay and Embarkation of Officers proceeding to England agreeable to the orders contained in your Letter of the 22 April 1796. are sent in the packets

113 We enclose Lists of the Seamen Men of the Kings and Companys

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